Department of Children & Youth

Center Complaint Inspection Summary Report

All licensed child care programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped as Serious, Moderate or Low risk violations. Documenting statements and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the child care website at http://jfs.ohio.gov/CDC/childcare.stm. This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other child care records, please contact the Child Care Help Desk at 1-877-302-2347, option 4.

Program Details		
Program Name HYDE PARK PLAY SCHOOL INC	Program Number 000000204316	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3846 DRAKE AVE CINCINNATI OH 45209		County HAMILTON

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) ZIBUTE OSGOOD	Inspection Day 07/29/2025	Begin Time 11:00 AM	End Time 12:30 PM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Blue Jays	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	18 months to 24 months; Out of compliance with occupancy limit of five children.
Woodpeckers	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 11	12 months to 19 months
Chickadees	0 to < 12 months	3 to 10	6 weeks to 8 months
Hummingbirds	0 to < 12 months	3 to 8	10 months to 18 months
Pelicans	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 2	18 months to 24 months
Flamingos	18 months to < 30 months	0 to 4	18 months to 24 months, CCSM in adjacent room Out of Compliance with supervision
Flamingos	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 6	18 months to 24 months, Pelicans and Flamingos

			combined at nap time. Out of compliance with occupancy limit of five children.
Cardinals	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	24 months to 30 months.
Falcons	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Two 29-month-old children and four children over 30-months of age. Space not approved for children under 30-months of age.
Parakeets	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 9	30 months to 37 months
Canaries	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 9	30 months to 37 months
Herons	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	3's & 4's
Owls	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15	3's & 4's
Eagles	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 15	4's & 5's

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Complaint Allegations

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-03 and 5101:2-13-03 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within seven business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Allegation: A childcare staff member was observed to use inappropriate child guidance and management techniques.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a childcare staff member used a discipline technique to guide or discipline children that was not developmentally appropriate. A staff member repeatedly used a harsh tone of voice while telling children to sit still while waiting to use the restroom. Children were required to sit still for up to five minutes. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/06/2025

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection

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Code: The program is required to refrain from using space that did not receive building approval and from caring for children in spaces not approved for that age group. The program is required to refrain from using a remodeled or modified space before obtaining building approval. The program is required to maintain building occupancy limitations.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program was using space for childcare in a manner that was not approved by the Ohio Department of Commerce or local certified building authority as noted in numbers 6, 7 below:

1. The [ ] room or space was not approved.
2. Children under school age were being cared for in a building only approved for school age.
3. The space had been modified and not yet re-inspected and approved.
4. The [ ] floor, which had not been approved by the building department for child care, was being used.
5. The building limitation had been exceeded. [ ] children were being cared for and the building had been approved for [ ] children.
6. The Flamingo and Blue Jay rooms occupancy had been exceeded. Six children were being cared for in these spaces that had been approved for five children in each room. The occupancy limit of eight children was exceeded in the Cardinal room when the Blue Jays and Cardinals were combined at nap time for a total of twelve children.
7. Care was provided to two children less than two and one-half years of age in the Falcon room, on the first floor in the main building. This violated the program's building code limitation in that, only children over 30 months of age can be cared for in this space.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes building approval for use of this space, a written statement that the building occupancy limitations are being maintained, or a written statement that it is no longer being used, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/06/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision
Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number 1 below:

1. Children were left unattended in the Pelican room.
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended.
4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.
5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.
6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.
7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.
8. Other [ ].

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a childcare staff member at all times. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to provide an environment that protects the children in care from any items and conditions that may threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Findings: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined that at least one area of the program or at least one piece of equipment had chipping or peeling paint. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/06/2025