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Center Licensing Inspection Full 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 CASCADE HORIZON EDUCATION CENTER	Program Number 000000300204	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 233 BOND STREET ELYRIA OH 44035		County LORAIN

Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
08/17/2011	E		
Fire Inspection Approval Date 12/10/2025	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 01/14/2026	Begin Time 8:15 AM	End Time 12:00 PM
Reviewer: Brittani Aloi		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
57	5	0	0	7

License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant (Birth to < 18 m)		10	0	10
Young Toddler		9	2	11
Total Under 2 ½ Years	44	19	2	21
Older Toddler		4	1	5
Preschool		26	1	27
School Age		0	108	108
Total Capacity/Enrollment	203	30	110	161

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**

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Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 9	
Toddlers A	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 12	Toddlers A/B combined
Toddlers A	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 13	Toddlers A/B combined
Preschool 103	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	
Preschool 103	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 13	
Preschool 102	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	
Preschool 102	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	
School age 100	5 years to < Kindergarten	5 to 31	Combined in 101-all groups

Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5180:2-12-03 and 5180:2-13-03 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.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Code: The program is required to follow the cleaning schedule for equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not providing a clean and healthy environment, furniture, materials and equipment as required by Appendix A, as noted in number(s) 6 below:

1. Item(s) soiled with blood or bodily fluids were not cleaned/sanitized immediately.
2. Blankets/sheets were not cleaned weekly, when soiled, or before use by another child.
3. Children's individual blankets and belongings were stored in an unsanitary manner.
4. Bottles, bottle caps, nipples and other equipment used for bottle feeding were not cleaned and sanitized in a dishwasher or by washing, rinsing, and boiling for one minute.
5. Carpets were not vacuumed weekly or cleaned when soiled.
6. Changing table/pad was not sanitized after each use or cleaned when visibly soiled.
7. Reusable cloths were not being washed daily or when visibly soiled.
8. Cots/Pads/Mats were not cleaned and sanitized before assigning to a different child, when used by a sick child, when soiled or at least every three months.
9. Cribs were not cleaned and sanitized monthly, or when soiled, or before use by another child.
10. Diaper Receptables were not cleaned and sanitized daily or more frequently as needed to eliminate odor.
11. Dishes/Cups/Silverware were not cleaned and sanitized after each use.
12. Water Containers were not labeled with the child's name, or were not cleaned and sanitized before use again on another day.
13. Dividers were not cleaned when visibly soiled.
14. Dress up clothes and hats (dramatic play) were not cleaned monthly or when soiled.
15. Floors were not cleaned weekly or when soiled.
16. The food prep area, including sinks, were not cleaned before and after preparing food (including bottle preparation) or between preparing raw or cooked food.
17. Potty chairs were not cleaned after each use, rinsed with water, cleaned and sanitized or contents were not emptied into a toilet.
18. Food tables, highchair trays were not cleaned before and after each use.
19. Tables used for play were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized daily.
20. Toilet bowls were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized weekly.
21. Toilet seat(s), handle(s) and hand washing sink(s) were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized daily.
22. Mouthed toys were not cleaned and sanitized after each child’s use.
23. Toys, other than those mouthed by children, were not cleaned monthly or when visibly soiled.
24. Washable furniture, including fabrics on infant equipment, were not cleaned weekly or when soiled.
25. Upholstered furniture was not steam cleaned when soiled.
26. Slip covers were not washed at least every six months or when soiled.

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27. Wastebaskets/rinse buckets, including lids, were not being emptied daily or cleaned and sanitized when visibly soiled.
28. The manufacturer's directions for the cleaning product were not followed.
29. The solution used for sanitizing was not a commercial product registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a sanitizer.
30. Other [ ].

Furniture, materials and equipment must be maintained according to the cleaning and sanitizing schedule in Appendix A to this rule. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

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.

Finding: 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 and rust (boy's restroom). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/13/2026

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment and materials that are easy to clean.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one piece of equipment, furnishings, or material at the program was not constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The material had a tear.
2. The material was not washable.
3. The material was porous.
4. The surface was cracked.
5. The surface was repaired, but in a manner that still did not facilitate cleaning.

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6. Other [ ].

Equipment, furnishings, and furniture shall be constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan
Code: The program is required to post the fire and weather plans.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following information was not posted for item number(s) 1, 3 below:

1. Fire alert plan, including a diagram indicating evacuation routes.
2. Weather alert plan was missing details for [ ].
3. Weather alert plan was missing a diagram indicating evacuation routes.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/13/2026

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan
Code: The program is required to post and implement the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan" when necessary.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the requirements for the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan for Child Care" were not followed as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The plan was not posted in each classroom.
2. The plan was not posted in other spaces used by children.
3. The name, address and telephone number of the program were not complete.
4. The location of first aid kit, fire extinguishers and fire alarm system, fire alarm pull stations and electrical circuit box were not complete.

5. The telephone number for emergency squad, fire department, hospital, poison control program, public children services agency, local health department, local emergency management agency, and police department were not complete.
6. Location of children's records was not complete.
7. Emergency information including any medications or supplies needed in the event of an evacuation was not complete.
8. The current version of the prescribed form was not used.
9. The plan was not implemented when necessary in that [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/13/2026

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended as noted in number(s) 1, 6, 10 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards.
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint.
11. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
12. Outdoor equipment, [ ] was not developmentally appropriate.
13. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
14. Outdoor play equipment, [ ], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
15. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
16. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.
17. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [ ].

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18. Functionally linked equipment was used by preschool-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 12 inches.
19. Functionally linked equipment was used by school-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 18 inches.
20. Other [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/13/2026

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program staff is required to prepare bottles in a safe and sanitary manner, shake the contents of the bottle, and test the temperature of the bottle before serving. Frozen breast milk must be thawed under cold running water or in the refrigerator.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a bottle was not prepared appropriately as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. The bottle was heated in the microwave.
2. The container of water used to warm bottles was heated to a temperature hotter than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. The container used for heating bottles was not emptied and cleaned each day.
4. The bottle was not shaken well before feeding.
5. The temperature of the bottle was not tested before feeding.
6. Frozen breast milk was not thawed under cold running water or in the refrigerator.
7. Other [ ].

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 12/10/26.
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements.

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: CKNL-DE4HQC, 3/1/26.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, were verified and dated 4/10/25 (07331, 07485, 71154, 46195).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding cribs were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant room(s).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Verified	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	