Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/ . This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name LAKEWOOD CHILD CARE CENTER	Program Number 000000300212	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1450 BELLE AVE LAKEWOOD OH 44107		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/01/2026	Begin Time 10:10 AM	End Time 4:00 PM	Reviewer: Kathryn Noftz

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 5		No. Requirements Compliant 59
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 5	No. Technical Assistance Provided 4

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)		15	2	17
Young Toddler		14	0	14
Total Under 2 ½ Years	40	29	2	31
Older Toddler		5	2	7
Preschool		52	1	53
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	109	57	3	91

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 11	In Compliance	1145am
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	3 to 11	In Compliance	1120am-Lunch
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 11	In Compliance	345pm
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	1145am- Gross motor room
Infants	0 to < 12 months	3 to 11	In Compliance	1015am
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	1145am
Infants	0 to < 12 months	3 to 9	In Compliance	345pm
Young Toddler	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	1120am
Young Toddler	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	1015am
Young Toddler	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 6	In Compliance	345pm
Young Toddler	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 2	In Compliance	345pm
PK2	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	1015am-Outside
PK2	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	1120am-Lunch
PK2	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 6	In Compliance	345pm
PK1	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 21	In Compliance	1015am
PK1	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 21	In Compliance	1120am-Lunch
PK1	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 19	In Compliance	345pm
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 17	In Compliance	1120am-Lunch
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 17	In Compliance	1015am
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 14	In Compliance	345pm

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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, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No moderate risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: 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: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being.

The following was observed:

- Stacked chairs- (PK2)

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/03/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to follow the cleaning schedule for equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the environment, furniture, materials, and/or equipment were not kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

The following was observed:

- Bottle warmer was unsanitary

The center shall be cleaned daily. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/03/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an outdoor play area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good condition, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good condition and/or being used inappropriately.

The following was observed:

- The gate and/or latch was not functioning properly and could be pulled open. A bungee cord was being used to secure the gate and prevent the gate from being pushed open.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/03/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Requirement: The program staff is required to label and store bottles with breast milk following the requirements in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that breast milk provided by the parent was not stored appropriately.

The following was observed:

- Bottles that contained breastmilk were not labeled with the date expressed.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/03/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: The program is required to provide a safe and sufficient barrier to separate the play and sleeping space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the barrier between the play and sleeping space did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed:

- The gates were left opened and a child was observed entering the kitchenette/crib space

- The latch on the barrier(gate) was broken and did not latch/could easily be pushed opened.

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

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Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Requirement:The program is required to follow the cleaning schedule for equipment.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that the environment, furniture, materials, and/or equipment were not kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

The following was observed:

- Bottle warmer was unsanitary

The center shall be cleaned daily. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
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The following was observed:

- The gate and/or latch was not functioning properly and could be pulled open. A bungee cord was being used to secure the gate and prevent the gate from being pushed open.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
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The following was observed:

- Bottles that contained breastmilk were not labeled with the date expressed.

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Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices
Requirement:The program is required to provide a safe and sufficient barrier to separate the play and sleeping space.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that the barrier between the play and sleeping space did not meet the requirements.
The following was observed:

- The gates were left opened and a child was observed entering the kitchenette/crib space
- The latch on the barrier(gate) was broken and did not latch/could easily be pushed opened.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/03/2026

Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

Requirement:

Findings: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding maintaining current information in the Ohio Statewide Licensing System were discussed.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide immunization records.

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Findings: During the inspection, it was determined verification of staff immunization was not on file as required. Records needed translated. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined staff did not complete professional development as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program's policies and procedures are required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Findings: During the inspection technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	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 5-14-27
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.

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: FSO1836454, 3-1-27.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Not Applicable	

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
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
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was synthetic surfacing.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	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: The vehicle(s) used by the program to transport children is inspected and licensed by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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
5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Not Applicable	

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
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff indicated only wading pools and sprinklers were being used.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding maintaining current information on the license in the Ohio statewide licensing system were discussed.

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage	Compliant	