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# 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 | | |
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| Program Name<br>Little Scholars South Mentor | Program Number<br>000000300626 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>7464 TYLER BLVD. MENTOR OH 44060 | | County<br>LAKE |

| Inspection Information | | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Complaint | | Inspection Scope<br>Partial | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Reviewer(s) MARY WOODLAND | Inspection Day<br>02/20/2026 | Begin Time<br>9:00 AM | End Time<br>11:00 AM |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Comment** |
| Infant 1 | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 5 | 9a |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 2 to 5 | 9a |
| Infant 2 | 12 months to < 18 months | 1 to 3 | 9a |
| Toddlers | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 6 | 9a |
| Pre-K | 4 years to < 5 years | 1 to 5 | 9a |

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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 Supervision
Code: The program staff is required to protect or remove a child from a situation and/or person that are determined to be unsafe and keep children safe from a potential serious incident or injury.

Allegation: The allegation involves a child not being protected, resulting in a serious injury.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the administrator, child care staff, and/or employees of the program did not protect or remove a child from a situation and/or person determined to be unsafe, which resulted in a serious incident or injury to a child, as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. Aggressive argument involving adults;
2. Staff member(s) did not follow emergency exiting procedures;
3. Staff member(s) allowed child(ren) to do something unsafe;
4. Staff member(s) did something unsafe;
5. Other-An infant sitting in a highchair sustained injuries to their mouth and teeth, when the highchair fell over.

All program employees must take actions to protect children in care. 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: Serious

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/25/2026

**Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment
Code: The program is required to use equipment, that is safe and hazard free, according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Fans, air conditioners, heat pumps, and space heaters must be inaccessible to children. The program is required to refrain from using trampolines, ball pits and inflatable equipment intended for climbing and bouncing, including but not limited to slides and bounce houses.

Allegation: The allegation involves staff not using straps with a highchair.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [ ] were not followed in that [ ].
2. The straps were missing on the [ ].
3. The straps were attached, but were not used on the infant highchair.
4. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.

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5. The equipment had sharp points or corners.
6. The equipment had splinters.
7. The equipment had protruding nails.
8. The equipment had loose or rusty parts.
9. The equipment had paint which contains lead or other poisonous materials.
10. The equipment had hazardous features.
11. A fan was unstable and could easily tip over.
12. A fan had openings a finger could enter.
13. The pipes from the heat pump felt hot to the touch
14. A space heater felt hot to the touch
15. The position of a space heater was a tripping hazard
16. The air conditioning unit was not enclosed and was accessible to children on the playground.
17. A ball pit, trampoline, inflatable bounce house, inflatable slide, or inflatable equipment used for climbing and bouncing was used.
18. Other [ ].

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

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/22/2026

**Domain:05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting
Code: The program is required to complete the JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report" for injuries and incidents at the program, provide a copy to the person who picks the child up on the day of the incident, and retain a copy of the form onsite at the program for one year.

Allegation: The allegation involves an Incident/Injury report being inaccurately completed.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: In review of the records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for completing a JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report" as noted in number(s) 14 below:

1. The JFS 01299 was not completed when a child became ill or received an injury which required first aid treatment.
2.The JFS 01299 was not completed when a child was transported to a source for emergency assistance.
3. The JFS 01299 was not completed when a child received a bump or blow to the head.
4. The JFS 01299 was not completed when an unusual or unexpected incident which jeopardized the safety of a child or employee of a program.
5. The parent or a person picking up the child did not receive the JFS 01299 on the day of the incident.
6. The program information (program name, number, address) was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
7. Child's name was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
8. Child's birthdate was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
9. Name of person(s) responsible for the child at the time of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
10. Number of children present in the group at the time of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
11. Date and/or time of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
12. Whether or not parents were contacted was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
13. Complete summary of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
14. Accurate summary of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
15. Name and/or signature of the person completing the form was incomplete on the JFS 01299.

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16. The JFS 01299 was not kept on file at the program for at least one year.
17. 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 required at this time. Please submit a statement verifying compliance.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/22/2026

## Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

### Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

### Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

**No Additional Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection**

### Low Risk Non-Compliances

**No Low Additional Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection**

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