Ohio 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 THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE	Program Number 000000401217	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 9158 S OLD STATE ROAD LEWIS CENTER OH 43035		County DELAWARE

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/21/2026	Begin Time 9:05 AM	End Time 12:20 PM	Reviewer: Sarena Powhida

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 10	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 7		No. Requirements Compliant 3
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 6	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

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)		12	0	12
Young Toddler		16	0	16
Total Under 2 ½ Years	65	28	0	28
Older Toddler		7	0	7
Preschool		58	0	58
School Age		0	28	28
Total Capacity/Enrollment	161	65	28	121

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Toddler A	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	~11:55
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	~11:55
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	~9:05
Toddler B	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	~11:55
Toddler B	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	In Compliance	~9:05
Twaddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	~11:55
Preppers	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	~9:05
Preppers	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 11	In Compliance	~11:55
Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	In Compliance	~9:05
Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 14	In Compliance	~11:55
Preschool 2A	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	In Compliance	~9:05
Preschool 2A	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 12	In Compliance	~11:55
Preschool 2B	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	In Compliance	~9:05
Preschool 2B	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	In Compliance	~11:55
Preschool 3	5 years to < Kindergarten	1 to 7	In Compliance	~9:05 preschool and kindergarteners combined.
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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.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.

2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.

3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.

4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/21/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

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

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the JFS 01236.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children Records Review, with a condition that requires a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. No plan was on file in that, although some of the needed health condition information was on-file, the program did not use the prescribed form, DCY 01236. (missing: signature of trainer, signature of staff and administrator). In addition, one child needed a Care Plan and no documentation was on-file.

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2. Child's name was missing.

3. Name of the condition was missing.

4. Indication if medication or medical food is required was missing.

5. Signs, symptoms or situations that require staff to take action were missing.

6. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.

7. Training instructions for procedures for staff to follow were missing or incomplete.

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8. Child's name was missing or not attached.

9. Child's date of birth was missing or not attached.

10. Child's weight was missing or not attached.

11. Name of the medication/medical food was missing or not attached.

12. Dosage of medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.

13. Time for medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.

14. Expiration date for medication/medical food was missing or not attached.

15. Symptoms that require staff to administer medication/medical food were missing or not attached.

16. Specific instructions to administer the medication/medical food were missing or not attached.

17. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing or not attached.

18. Physician's signature was missing or not attached.

19. The date of the physician's signature was missing or not attached.

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20. Child's name was missing.

21. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.

22. Signature of parent granting permission to implement the plan and verifying training was missing.

23. Date of parent signature was missing.

24. Certified Professional Trainer information was missing.

25. Signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.

26. Date of trainer signature was missing.

27. Printed name(s)of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.

28. Signature(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.

29. Date of staff signature was missing.

30. Administrator/Provider signature was missing

31. Date of administrator/Provider was missing.

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32. Child's name was missing.

33. Name of medication or medical food was missing.

34. Date the medication/medical food was administered was missing.

35. Time medication/medical food was administered was missing.

36. Dosage of medication/medical food that was administered was missing.

37. Signature of person administering medication/medical food was missing.

38. The plan was not followed or implemented.

39. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.

40. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were onsite when a child requiring the plan was present.

41. Child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were not scheduled to be present the entire the time the child requiring the plan was onsite.

42. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 accompanied the child requiring the plan during a trip.

43. A child care staff member who had not been trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 performed the procedure.

44. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/21/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Requirement: 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) 7 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. (infants, toddler B, twaddlers, preppers, preschool 3, schoolage)

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: 06/21/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Requirement: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number(s) 3, 4, 6 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.

2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.

3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.

4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.

5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.

6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.

7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.

8. Other: [ ]

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/21/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Requirement: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements as listed in number(s) 1 below.

1. A medical statement was not on file for at least one employee;

2. The medical statement(s) on file did not have a date of examination within 12 months of the employee's first day of employment;

3. Date of examination was missing;

4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;

5. A statement was missing that verifies the employee is:

a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;

b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);

c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);

6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test information was missing:

a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the world health organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment.

b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 6a.

c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test.

d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/21/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number(s) 2 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child

2. Medical(s) on file was not updated every 13 months

3. Medical(s) were missing child's name and date of birth

4. Medical(s) were missing the date of the medical examination

5. The date of the exam was more than 13 months prior to the date the form was signed.

6. Medical(s) were missing a statement that the child has been examined and is in suitable condition for participation in group care

7. Medical(s) were missing the signature, business address and telephone number of the physician, physician's assistant(PA), advance practice nurse (APN) or certified

nurse practitioner (CNP) who examined the child

8. Medical(s) were missing a record of immunizations the child has had specifying month, day and year

9. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the physician, PA, APN, or CNP that the child has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized against the diseases

required by division 5104.014 of the Revised Code and found in appendix A to this rule

10. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of

conscience, including religious convictions

11. Other [ ]

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

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Domain: **09 Children's Files**

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

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a complete JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file for any child having a health condition.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined that the JFS 01236 “Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care” did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The JFS 01236 had not been updated as needed and at least annually.

2. A separate JFS 01236 had not been used for each condition.

3. The program used an old version of the JFS 01236.

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

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Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Requirement: The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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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.

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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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance and Behavior Management	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Not Verified	

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