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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		
Program Name NEW HOPE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER HEAD START	Program Number 000000408247	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 11700 UPPER GILCHRIST ROAD MOUNT VERNON OH 43050		County KNOX

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) AMY HILLARD	Inspection Day 12/10/2025	Begin Time 12:00 PM	End Time 1:00 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**
Room 43	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	
Room 24	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 11	
Room 20	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15	
Room 22	18 months to < 30 months	3 to 6	
Room 42	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	

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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 or inappropriate.

Allegation: The complainant alleged that children were exposed to inappropriate language and behavior while at the program

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 children from a situation and/or person determined to be unsafe or inappropriate as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. Verbal argument involving adults.
2. Staff member(s) allowed child(ren) to do something unsafe.
3. Staff member(s) did something unsafe.
4. Children were exposed to inappropriate language by a staff member (teacher got angry and used swear words in front of the children while storming out of the program)
5. Other [ ].

While the program did not protect the child(ren) from an unsafe or inappropriate situation and/or person, it was determined the situation would not or did not result in a serious incident or injury to a child. 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: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/14/2026

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: The complainant alleged that a teacher used inappropriate/prohibited guidance and management techniques

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used the inappropriate techniques in number(s) 1, 9 below when managing unacceptable behavior in children:

1. Utilize cruel, harsh, unusual, or extreme techniques; (The program self-reported that a teacher pushed a child or let a child fall to the ground off her lap and pulled him by the wrist for 3 steps yelling profanities after he hit her. The teacher was fired from the program)
2. Utilize any form of corporal punishment;

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3. Delegate children to manage or discipline other children;
4. Use physical restraints on a child;
5. Restrain a child by prone restraint or any means other than holding children for a short period of time, such as in a protective hug, so that the children may regain control;
6. Place children in a locked room or confine children in any enclosed area;
7. Confine children to equipment such as cribs or highchairs;
8. Humiliate, threaten or frighten children;
9. Subject children to profane language or verbal abuse;
10. Make derogatory or sarcastic remarks about children or their families;
11. Punish children for failure to eat or sleep or for toileting accidents;
12. Withhold any food (including snacks and treats), rest or toilet use;
13. Punish an entire group of children due to the unacceptable behavior of one or a few;
14. Isolate and restrict children from all activities for an extended period of time.

Child Care Staff Members and other employees must always use appropriate guidance and management methods with children. 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: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/14/2026

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

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

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