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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 Lawrence County Early Childhood Academy- Hanging Rock	Program Number 000000410176	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 300 MAIN ST. (HANGING ROCK) IRONTON OH 45638		County LAWRENCE

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) Barbara Smith	Inspection Day 08/14/2025	Begin Time 10:15 AM	End Time 2:10 PM
Reviewer(s) Alisha Goddard	Inspection Day 08/14/2025	Begin Time 10:15 AM	End Time 2:10 PM
Reviewer(s) MARGARET COMPTON	Inspection Day 08/28/2025	Begin Time 2:15 PM	End Time 3:45 PM
Reviewer(s) Barbara Smith	Inspection Day 08/28/2025	Begin Time 2:15 PM	End Time 3:45 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**
Infant 2	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	Day 1 Arrival
Infant 2	0 to < 12 months	2 to 4	Day 2 Arrival
Toddler 4	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 6	Day 2 Arrival
Toddler 4	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	Day 1 Arrival
Infant 1	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Day 1 Arrival
Infant 1	0 to < 12 months	3 to 6	Day 2 Arrival
Infant 3	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	Day 1 Arrival
Infant 3	0 to < 12 months	3 to 5	Day 2 Arrival
Toddler 1	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	Day 1 Arirval
Toddler 1	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 6	Day 2 Arrival
Toddler 3	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	Day 2 Arrival
Toddler 3	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	Day 1 Arrival
Toddler 2	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	Day 1 Arrival

Preschool 2	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15	Day 2 Arrival; Preschool 2 and Preschool 3 combined
Preschool 2	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 13	Day 1 Arrival
Preschool 3	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 7	Day 1 Arrival
PreK	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 6	Day 1 Arrival
PreK	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 10	Day 2 Arrival

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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 is required to notify their local public children services agency of any suspicion of abuse or neglect against a child.

Allegation: The complainant alleged that the program failed to immediately notify their local public children's services agency of suspicions that a child had been abused or neglected.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program failed to immediately notify their local public children services agency of suspicions that a child had been abused or neglected. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a description of action taken to assure that all staff are knowledgeable of their responsibilities, and 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: 09/07/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision
Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately including responding to the child's basic needs and protecting them from harm.

Allegation: The complainant alleged that children were not being properly supervised during outdoor play.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not being properly supervised as noted in number 2 below:

1. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during indoor play.
2. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during outdoor play.
3. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member more than once.
4. Staff were not physically present in the space and near enough to respond and reach the child(ren) immediately.
5. Other: [ ].

Children must be supervised according to rule and within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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: 10/02/2025

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Domain:05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting
Code: The program is required to submit notification of a serious incident in OCLQS by the next business day.

Allegation: The complaint alleged that a serious incident was not reported in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System as required.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Serious Incident was not reported in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS), as required, by the program administrator or designee for an incident(s) as listed in number 2 and 4 below:

1. An incident, injury or illness that required professional medical consultation or treatment.
2. An unusual or unexpected incident which jeopardizes the safety of a child, child care staff member or employee of the program.
3. An incident defined as a serious risk non-compliance in appendix A to rule 5101:2-12-03 of the Administrative Code.
4. The program did not submit the report in OCLQS by the next business day as required by rule.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the program administrator or designee has completed the Serious Incident Report in OCLQS, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/02/2025

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 complainant alleged that the program did not meet the requirements for completing an incident/injury report accurately.

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 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.

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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.
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.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/02/2025

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