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 TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL	Program Number 000000502047	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 412 FREMONT ST ELMORE OH 43416		County OTTAWA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/14/2026	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 12:45 PM	Reviewer: Maribeth Tercha

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 1		No. Requirements Compliant 48
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 1	No. Technical Assistance Provided 2

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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years	0	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		22	0	22
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	17	22	0	22

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Preschool MWF	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 15	In Compliance	Ratio taken at 12:30 pm
Preschool MWF	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 15	In Compliance	Ratio taken at 10:00 am

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: **08 Staff Files**

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

Requirement: The program is required to receive a preliminary approval from DCY prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child care staff member, with preliminary approval on file, had sole responsibility of children in the preschool group(s) and the DCY 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" was not on file as required.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the DCY 01176 or a statement that the child care staff member(s) no longer have sole responsibility of children, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/14/2026

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: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Requirement: The program is required to have all the required items in the first aid kit.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's first aid kit did not contain appropriate materials 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 administrator is required to maintain the parent handbook.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the administrator is not maintaining the parent handbook 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.

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Visible	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review.

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 3/27/2027

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program has obtained a food service exemption status from the local health department.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding health training were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The restrooms are used exclusively by the program.

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All electrical outlets were covered with safety receptacles.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the equipment was observed clean and in good repair.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No smoking was allowed on the premises, and the notice stating that smoking is prohibited was observed posted in a conspicuous place.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program uses the DCY sample trip permission form for routine/field trips to secure written permission from parents or guardians.

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The DCY 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding reporting incidents and injuries were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children

currently enrolled who had health conditions.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding the emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An improvement in the quantity of equipment was observed.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, enough Child Care Staff Members were employed to meet the staff/child ratios.
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A “Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size” was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed meeting the basic needs of all children assigned to the group.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance and behavior management techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Food was stored in a safe and sanitary manner.
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sack lunches were stored in refrigerator.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding emergency postings and weather and fire alert plans was discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding emergency drills were discussed.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had immunization records or exemption documentation on file.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Statewide Licensing System.

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the immunization records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the enrollment records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding confidentiality, availability and access, and retention of children's records were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had tuberculosis (TB) screenings and immunization records on file.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Not Applicable	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding specialized diets were discussed.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding administering medication, topical products and medical foods were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding administering medication, topical products and medical foods were discussed.