Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

Family Child Care Licensing Inspection Full 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 Steps Ahead	Program Number 000000935406058	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 2007 TERRAN WAY COLUMBUS OH 43219		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/14/2023	Begin Time 10:37 AM	End Time 10:49 AM
Inspection Date 12/14/2023	Begin Time 10:00 PM	End Time 11:25 PM
Reviewer: Melinda Irwin		
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Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
68	4	0	0	4

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 Years	3	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		4	0	4
Total Capacity/Enrollment	6	4	0	4

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Steps Ahead		1 to 0	

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 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.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to provide an environment that protects the children in care from any items and conditions that may threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Findings: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well being. During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from the following item which may threaten their health, safety, or well being as noted in the following number 22 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.
2. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
3. Toys or other items small enough to be swallowed were present in the space where infants and/or toddlers were in care.
4. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs.
6. Telephone cords.
7. Employee(s) purse(s).
8. Diaper bags.
9. Television not securely anchored.
10. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
11. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
12. Chipping or peeling paint.
13. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
14. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
15. A floor surface was unsafe in that [ ].
16. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet.
17. The platform provided for the sink or toilet was not sturdy.
18. The platform provided for the sink or toilet posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following furniture in that [ ].
20. A mercury thermometer was being used to take a child's temperature.
21. Methods of ventilation used did not provide protection from rodents, insects, or other hazards.
22. Plug ins were plugged in where children could reach.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/14/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment
Code: The program is required to have all required items in the restroom(s) and keep them sanitary.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in the following numbers 4 and 5 below, were in the main restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.
2. There was no toilet tissue.
3. There were no individually assigned towels or disposable towels.
4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.
5. The plunger was accessible to the children.

6. The toilet was not flushed.
7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.
8. There was a strong urine odor.
9. Other [ ].

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/14/2024

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 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.

Findings: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number 18 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 [ ].
4. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
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, inflatable equipment used for climbing and bouncing was used.
18. clothes piled up against the furnace.

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Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/14/2024

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care" on file on the premises for each child.

Findings: In review of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the JFS 01234 “Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care”, as required, for the items in number 15 below:

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list
8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked “yes”
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian’s signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. Other [ ]

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Building Requirements for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Health Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Toothbrushing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Disaster Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Programming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-12 Pets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	