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 MERRITT, KATRINA	Program Number 000000943324628	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 1160 AVONDALE ROAD SOUTH EUCLID OH 44121		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Announced
Inspection Date 06/22/2026	Begin Time 6:00 PM	End Time 7:15 PM	Reviewer: Tonesha Walker

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 68	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 7		No. Requirements Compliant 60
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 7	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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years		0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		3	0	3
Total Capacity/Enrollment	6	3	0	3

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Ms Trina	Mixed Age Group	1 to 3	In Compliance	3 children at arrival and depature

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: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to protect children from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Finding: 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 the program did not protect children from an unsafe item or condition or equipment due to the following number 15 below:

1. Pull cord(s) on the window blind(s).

2. Extension cord(s); electrical cord(s) attached to an object that could result in a severe injury if pulled.

3. Stacked tables.

4. Folding tables.

5. Matches and/or a lighter.

6. Power tool(s).

7. Live wires.

8. Stove(s) that are either on or able to be turned on by a child.

9. Asbestos.

10. Traffic.

11. A body of water.

12. A well.

13. Environmental hazard(s) confirmed by local authorities having jurisdiction over the hazard.

14. A crockpot used to heat bottles.

15. Immediate access to a knife.

16. Large or heavy pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.

17. Marijuana was accessible to children.

18. Other [ ].

Any hazardous equipment must be removed, replaced, or repaired and any hazardous condition must be corrected and must be made inaccessible to children. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the item or condition has been removed and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/23/2026

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to respond to all non-compliances by the date noted in the inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 12/10/25. The rule requires the program complete and submit a corrective action plan in OCLQS to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to have running water below the temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the water temperature was 130 in the following room(s) kitchen. This temperature exceeds the requirement of remaining below 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/23/2026

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-13-17 Programming

Requirement: The program is required to have a daily schedule posted in a visible place.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the daily schedule was not posted in the program. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed emergency preparedness and response plan.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written emergency preparedness and response plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information in number 18 below:

Procedures:

1. The written emergency and preparedness and response plan had not been completed

2. The plan was not provided to all child care staff and employees

3. Weather emergencies and natural disasters which include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, major snowfall, blizzards, ice storms or earthquakes

4. Emergency outdoor and indoor lockdown or evacuation due to threats of violence which includes active shooter, bioterrorism or terrorism including a designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated

5. Emergency or disaster evacuations due to hazardous materials and spills, gas leaks or bomb threats including a designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated

6. Outbreaks, epidemics or other infectious disease emergencies

7. Loss of power, water, or heat

8. Other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the program

Details:

9. Shelter in place or evacuation, how the program will care for and account for the children until they can be reunited with the parent

10. Assisting infants, toddlers and children with special needs and/or health conditions

11. Emergency contact information for parents and the program

12. Procedures for notifying and communicating with parents regarding the location of the children if evacuated

13. Procedures for communicating with parents during loss of communications, no phone or internet service available

14. The location of supplies and procedures for gathering necessary supplies for staff and children if required to shelter in place

15. What to do if a disaster occurs during the transport of children or when on a field trip or routine trip

16. Making the plan available to all child care staff members and employees

17. Training of staff or reassignment of staff duties as appropriate

18. Updating the plan on a yearly basis

19. Contact with local emergency management officials

20. The plan was unable to be implemented in that, ().

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the missing information, if applicable, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-10 Professional Development

Requirement: The program staff is required to complete at least six clock hours of training annually.

Finding: In review of records, it was determined the Child Care Staff Member(s) indicated on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the annual professional development requirement as noted in number 1.

1. The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development.

2. Documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule.

3. Training topic did not meet the requirements listed in appendix A of this rule.

4. Documentation of training did not meet the requirements of this rule.

5. The substitute(s) had been used more than ninety days annually between July first and June thirtieth and had not completed at least six hours of professional development.

6. Other [ ].

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

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Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records

Requirement: The provider is required to maintain current employee, child care staff members and resident records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number 2 below:

1. The provider had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.

2. The provider had not created or updated the program's organizational dashboard in the OPR.

3. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.

4. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created an employment record in the OPR for the program on or before the first day of employment, including date of hire.

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

6. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's scheduled days and hours changed.

7. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's group assignments changed, if applicable.

8. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated with the employment end date within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member ended employment.

9. At least one resident over the age of eighteen had not created a profile and employment record for the family child care provider within five days of becoming a resident or turning eighteen.

10. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five calendar days of a change in residency for at least one resident over the age of eighteen.

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: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-09 Background Checks

Requirement: Individuals are required to completed the background check process and obtain complete results.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background check requirements were incomplete for the individuals listed on the Employee Record Chart, as noted in number 1 below:

1. The JFS 01176 “Program Notification of Background check Review for Child Care” was not on file at the program, but was on file at the county agency and the individual is eligible.

2. The JFS 01176 was not on file at the program, but the BCI and FBI results were on file at the program and the individual had no prohibitive offenses which did not meet the rehabilitation criteria.

3. The JFS 01176 was not on file at the program, but the BCI and FBI results were on file at the county agency and the individual had no prohibitive offenses which did not meet the rehabilitation criteria.

Submit the program’s corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the correct form is now on file, 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.

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
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Building Requirements for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-05 Denial, Revocation, and Suspension	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Health Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Pets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Toothbrushing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	