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 SPEARS, CAROL	Program Number 000000961790381	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 366 BELLEFONTAINE AVENUE MARION OH 43302		County MARION

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/21/2026	Begin Time 9:40 AM	End Time 10:55 AM	Reviewer: Lisa Myers
Inspection Date 06/01/2026	Begin Time 5:45 AM	End Time 6:02 AM	Reviewer: Lisa Myers

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 68	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 9		No. Requirements Compliant 58
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 10	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		1	0	1
School Age		1	0	1
Total Capacity/Enrollment	6	2	0	2

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Carol's group	Mixed Age Group	1 to 1	In Compliance	snack time - 9:55 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.

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a continuous fence in good condition, or natural barrier, that ensured children were not able to leave the playground area. The fence or natural barrier was determined to present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground as noted in number 1 below:

1. The fence, natural barrier, or combination of fence and natural barrier was not continuous.

2. The fencing had missing slat boards through which children could leave the playground.

3. The gate was broken and did not close.

4. The latch on the gate was broken.

5. The gate had no latch.

6. The fencing was broken.

7. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.

8. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.

9. The portable fencing approved for use by the Department was not being used.

10. Other [ ].

Discontinue use of the playground and provide a space for outdoor play which is well defined by a continuous fence or natural barrier and protected from other hazards. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-13-18 Attendance

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the program for a period of one year.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number(s) 7 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.

2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.

3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.

4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.

5. The record did not include the assigned group.

6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.

7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.

8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

Submit the program's corrective action plan 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 122.0 degrees Fahrenheit in the following room(s) first floor restroom. 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: 07/01/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Pets

Requirement: The program is required to properly care for pets and prevent any threat to the safety or health of the children by the pet.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined pets at the program were not properly housed or cared for or posed a threat to the safety or health of the children as noted in number(s) 3, 5 & 6 below:

1. The animal's cage was dirty with feces.

2. The aquarium was unclean.

3. The litter box was dirty with feces.

4. A pet posed a threat to the safety of a child in that [ ].

5. A pet requiring a license did not have a current license.

6. Proper inoculation records were not on file at the program for a pet requiring inoculations.

7. Children were exposed to the pet's urine and/or feces.

8. Other [ ].

A pet that poses a threat to the children shall not be at the program. All pets at the program must receive proper care and housing. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/01/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment

Requirement: 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.

Finding: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 17 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. 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: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space

Requirement: The program staff is required to protect the children from hazardous conditions in the outdoor play area.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following hazardous conditions existed in the outdoor play area, as noted in number(s) 15 below:

1. There was broken glass.

2. There were tall weeds.

3. There was poison ivy.

4. There were tree branches.

5. There was mold visible.

6. The sandbox was contaminated.

7. There were thistles with prickers.

8. There were bird droppings.

9. The outdoor area was littered with trash.

10. The trash can was missing a lid.

11. The trash was not emptied from the day(s) before.

12. The trash can was overflowing with trash.

13. The trash can was infested with insects.

14. The trash can was visibly dirty.

15. Other: Broken metal frame to adult freestanding swing in backyard play area.

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/01/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe as noted in the number(s) 3 & 4 below:

1. There was rust exposed.

2. There was protruding bolts.

3. There were cracks.

4. There were holes.

5. There was splintering wood.

6. There were sharp edges or points.

7. There were lead hazards.

8. There were toxic substances.

9. There were tripping hazards.

10. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.

11. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not developmentally appropriate.

12. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.

13. Outdoor play equipment, [ ], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a

child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.

14. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment

15. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.

16. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [ ].

17. 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: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk

Requirement: The program is to ensure that children are served age-appropriate fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk requirements. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases

Requirement: The program is required to post the Ohio Communicable Disease Chart in a noticeable area.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the Ohio Communicable Disease Chart was not posted as required , as indicated in the number(s) 1 below:

1. In a location readily available to provider, child care staff members, employees, and residents;

2. The chart was not posted.

3. The posted chart was not the current version.

4. The posted chart was not displayed in the size available in the ODJFS forms central to be easily read.

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

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Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks

Requirement: The program is required to refrain from using television, computers, or other devices during meals and snacks.

Finding: During this inspection it was determined that computer/device were on during meals and snacks. 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: 5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks

Requirement: The program is required to post the current menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement as noted in number(s) 3 below.

1. The menu was not posted.

2. The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents.

3. The menu was not currently dated.

4. The entire menu was substituted.

5. At least one item on menu did not match what was served.

6. The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the 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
5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	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 Staff Records	Compliant	

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
5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Professional Development	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 Fall Zone	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
5180:2-13-13 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 Incident/Injury	Compliant

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-17 Programming	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
5180:2-13-19 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 Food Handling	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	