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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 Great Beginnings Child Care LLC	Program Number 2170015643	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3595 Sullivant Ave Columbus OH 43228		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) Andrea Clark	Inspection Day 08/29/2025	Begin Time 8:45 AM	End Time 10:10 AM
Reviewer(s) Andrea Clark	Inspection Day 08/29/2025	Begin Time 8:45 AM	End Time 10:10 AM
Reviewer(s) Andrea Clark	Inspection Day 09/12/2025	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 10:15 AM
Reviewer(s) Bradie McAfee	Inspection Day 09/12/2025	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 10:15 AM

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	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	From 9/12/25.
Toddler	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 13	Includes 2 children from the infant room.
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 11	From 9/12/25.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 25	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 24	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 19	From 9/12/25.

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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.

No Complaints were observed during this inspection.

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Findings: During the inspection, required staff/child ratios were not maintained for different groups on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined for the Toddler group (group included 2 infants) was 2 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 13 children. Additionally, a ratio of 2 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 25 children was determined for the Preschool group.

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Additional staff members must be hired or current Child Care Staff Members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used the inappropriate techniques in number(s) 7 below when managing unacceptable behavior in children:

1. Utilize cruel, harsh, unusual, or extreme techniques;
2. Utilize any form of corporal punishment;
3. Delegate children to manage or discipline other children;
4. Use physical restraints on a child;
5. Restrain a child by prone restraint or any means other than holding children for a short period of time, such as in a protective hug, so that the children may regain control;
6. Place children in a locked room or confine children in any enclosed area;
7. Confine children to equipment such as cribs or highchairs;
8. Humiliate, threaten or frighten children;
9. Subject children to profane language or verbal abuse;
10. Make derogatory or sarcastic remarks about children or their families;
11. Punish children for failure to eat or sleep or for toileting accidents;
12. Withhold any food (including snacks and treats), rest or toilet use;
13. Punish an entire group of children due to the unacceptable behavior of one or a few;
14. Isolate and restrict children from all activities for an extended period of time.

Child Care Staff Members and other employees must always use appropriate guidance and management methods with children. 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2025

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Findings: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in unlocked cabinet & unlocked laundry room door where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 1 & 14 below.

1. Bleach. (unlocked room in Preschool classroom)
2. Cleaning agent.
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.

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5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: rubbing alcohol in unlocked cabinet in Preschool classroom.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/01/2025

Domain:04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Findings: 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 10 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. The program used the parking lot for the children to engage in water play with no fencing in place.

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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Low Risk Non-Compliances

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Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate group size for each group of children served.

Findings: During the inspection, group size limitations were not maintained for the group of Preschool as it was determined there were 25 children grouped together. The group size shall not exceed twice the maximum number of children allowed per Child Care Staff Member. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/01/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records
Code: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. There was no method in place;
2. The method did not include each child's name;
3. The method did not include each child's date of birth;
4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times;
5. The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/01/2025