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 Little Sprouts Early Childcare Education Center	Program Number 2170016401	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1620 East Dublin Granville Rd Columbus OH 43229		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/15/2026	Begin Time 12:00 PM	End Time 2:00 PM	Reviewer: Colleen Adkinson

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 11	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 7		No. Requirements Compliant 4
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 5	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	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)		7	0	7
Young Toddler		10	0	10
Total Under 2 ½ Years	36	17	0	17
Older Toddler		5	0	5
Preschool		30	0	30
School Age		0	30	30
Total Capacity/Enrollment	64	35	30	82

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 8	In Compliance	12:30/Nap time ratio
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	In Compliance	12:30 PM
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	In Compliance	12:30 PM
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	0 to 0		Mid-Day SA in school

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: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: 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.

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, condition or equipment noted in number(s) 16 below:

1. Closed ended 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. 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: 06/20/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements

Requirement: Meals and snacks provided or served by the program must include all required food groups and meet the recommended daily dietary allowances as specified by the USDA.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a meal or snack at the program did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. The breakfast served did not include foods from three of the four food groups.

2. Snack served did not include foods from two of the four food groups.

3. The meal did not provide 1/3 of the recommended daily dietary allowances as specified by the USDA.

4. Juice used to meet the fruit or snack component was not 100% undiluted fruit or vegetable juice.

5. The meal served did not include an item from the meat or meat alternative group.

6. The meal served did not include an item from the bread or grain group.

7. The meal served did not include two items from the fruit/vegetable group.

8. The meal served did not include a vegetable (two fruits were served).

9. The meal served did not include a serving of fluid milk.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/20/2026

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures

Requirement: The program is required to have all adults and children on trips wear seat belts, or use child restraints if required by law. The program is required to have only one child in each seat belt and have all children under 12 years of age sit in the back seats of the vehicle. The program is required to have all children sitting in a seat on the vehicle with a seat belt, as opposed to standing or sitting on the floor.

Finding: "During the inspection, it was determined the program did not follow regulations and/or safety precautions when children were transported as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. Seat belts were not used by children.

2. Child restraint systems were not used.

3. Children were riding in seats that were not securely anchored.

4. More than one child was strapped in a seat belt.

5. A child under the age of twelve years old rode in the front seat of the vehicle.

6. At least one child or adult was standing or sitting on the floor in a moving vehicle, in that [ ].

7. Adult(s) in the vehicle failed to wear seat belt(s) Provide staff training.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes assurance that these safety guidelines will be met when children are transported, and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule."

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/20/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs

Requirement: The program staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that are a potential suffocation risk from cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object that created a potential strangulation or suffocation risk, as indicated in number(s) 1 and 12 below:

1. Bib
2. Pacifier clip/ribbon
3. Teething jewelry
4. Blanket for infant under twelve months old
5. Pillow
6. Boppie
7. Bumper pad
8. Clothing stored in the crib
9. Diaper bag
10. Object or toy strung over the crib in which a child can pull himself up
11. Stuffed animal that is large/soft enough to conform to the shape of the child's face
12. rope-necklace on infant while in crib.

The rule prohibits any item which obstructs child-care staff's visibility or poses a risk of strangulation or suffocation from being placed on or in a crib. Remove the item(s) immediately. 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: 06/20/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs

Requirement: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment in number(s) 7 below had been used for sleeping infants and did not allow the infant to sleep on a firm mattress:

1. Mesh cribs;

2. Play pens;

3. Bassinets;

4. Cots;

5. Car seats;

6. Infant swing;

7. The floor;

8. Infant seats;

9. An infant placed in a car seat in a crib;

10. Other [ ].

Infants must be provided with a crib, which meets requirements specified in this rule, for resting and sleeping. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that staff training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/20/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

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 center 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) 2 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained in the preschool classroom.

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/20/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff and children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as listed in number(s) 4 below, as required in rule.

1. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands upon arrival for the day.

2. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands prior to departure.

3. At least one staff did not wash their hands upon entry into a classroom.

4. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after toileting or assisting a child with toileting.

5. At least one staff and child did not wash their hands after each diaper change or pull-up change.

6. At least one staff did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.

7. At least one child did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids.

8. At least one child did not wash their hands after returning inside after outdoor play.

9. At least one staff did not wash their hands after cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.

10. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.

11. At least one staff did not wash their hands before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.

12. At least one child did not wash their hands before eating or assisting with food preparation.

13. At least one staff did not wash their hands before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.

14. At least one child did not wash their hands after water activities.

15. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands when visibly soiled (must use soap and water).

16. 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: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease

Requirement: The program is required to post the JFS 08087 "Ohio Communicable Disease Chart".

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the JFS 08087 "Ohio Communicable Disease Chart" was not posted as required, as indicated in number(s) 1 below:

1. The chart was not posted.

2. In a location readily available to program staff and parents.

3. The posted chart was not the current version, and the Child Care Manual Procedural Letter No. 159 was not attached.

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

Technical assistance was provided at the time of inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is required at this time.

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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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Not Verified	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, blankets were covering children and were not stored inappropriately.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Not Verified	

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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Not Verified	

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

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
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Not Verified	