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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 Higher Peaks Academy & Childcare Center Inc.	Program Number 2180017151	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1390 Cleveland Ave. Columbus OH 43211		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) JO ELLEN MORTON-CONRAD	Inspection Day 04/03/2025	Begin Time 10:30 AM	End Time 11:00 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**
older infant	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 4	
toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	
infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	
3's	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	
4's	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 8	

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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.

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.

Allegation: It was alleged a teacher grabbed a child under her chin and squeezed leaving a bruise. It was also alleged that the teacher grabbed the child by the arm leaving a mark.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used the inappropriate techniques in number(s) 1 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.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/16/2025

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

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Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

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

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting
Code: The program is required to submit notification of a serious incident in OCLQS by the next business day.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Serious Incident was not reported in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS), as required, by the program administrator or designee for an incident(s) as listed in number(s) 4 below:

1. An incident, injury or illness that required professional medical consultation or treatment.
2. An unusual or unexpected incident which jeopardizes the safety of a child, child care staff member or employee of the program.
3. An incident defined as a serious risk non-compliance in appendix A to rule 5101:2-12-03 of the Administrative Code.
4. The program did not submit the report in OCLQS by the next business day as required by rule.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the program administrator or designee has completed the Serious Incident Report in OCLQS, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/16/2025

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