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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 Smar-T Pants Learning Center	Program Number 2180018054	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1120 W Kemper rd cincinnati OH 45240		County HAMILTON

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) Carlie Bennett	Inspection Day 02/10/2025	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 10:45 AM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
5	5	0	2	3

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Preschool		1 to 8	
Infant/Toddler		4 to 12	
School Age		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 Supervision
Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Allegation: Inadequate supervision of children

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once. A staff member left a child(ren) in the hallway restroom and returned to the classroom.
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended.
4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.
5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.
6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.
7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.
8. Other

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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

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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

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment in number(s) 5 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; an infant was sleeping in a car seat stroller at arrival.
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.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size
Code: The program may combine all age groups when there are twelve or fewer children in the center.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined groups which included children less than two and one half years were combined with groups of children two and one half years and older and there were more than 12 children in the center. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the 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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Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

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Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records
Code: 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.

Findings: 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.
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: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment
Code: 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.

Findings: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 3 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 infant sleeping in a car seat stroller.
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, or inflatable equipment used for climbing and bouncing was used.
18. Other [ ].

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