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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 07/21/2025	Begin Time 10:10 AM	End Time 12:05 PM

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**
Infants		1 to 5	
Toddler & Preschool		3 to 16	While standing outside
Toddler & Preschool		1 to 15	At arrival

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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 are not permitted to leave children unattended.

Allegation: Inadequate supervision

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not supervised while outside the program as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. Child(ren) left unattended outside the facility building.
2. Child(ren) left unattended outside the facility building more than once.
3. Child(ren) left unattended off the program's premises.
4. Child(ren) left unattended during a swimming activity.
5. Child unattended in a vehicle. 3 child care staff members and 16 Toddler to Preschool children were outside the front door standing against the wall. One child left the group and went onto the vehicle. Staff were not aware, children notified staff that a child went onto the vehicle.
6. Child(ren) left unattended inside the building and no adults were present in the building.
7. Other

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

Rule 5180:2-12-03 requires the program to notify parents when a serious risk non-compliance is cited. The notification must inform parents of the serious risk non-compliance and include the Department of Children and Youth website and location of further information regarding the determination. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided and a copy of the written parent notification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Serious

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/27/2025

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.

Allegation: Program not following ratio requirements

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, a ratio of 1 child care staff member(s) for 15 children was determined to have occurred for the Toddler & Preschool group when the situation in number(s) 1 & 7 below occurred:

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1. A child care staff member stepped away. 15 Toddler and Preschool children were lined up outside the front door, a child care staff member went to get the bus and pulled the bus to the curb while the children stood with one child care staff member.
2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.
3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.
4. A child care staff member was unable to work.
5. A child was injured in that group.
6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.
7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.
10. Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.
11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.
12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.
13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.
14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.
15. Other

Additional child care 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.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/21/2025

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

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Domain:06 Program Information

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

Findings: "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. Children had previously been transported without using child restraint systems in child care center vehicle.
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: 08/21/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

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 Toddler & Preschool as it was determined there were 16 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: 08/21/2025

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 not required at this time.

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Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/21/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

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. 2 children were not signed in with the group they were with.
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: 08/21/2025

Domain:06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures
Code: The program is required to obtain written parental permission before leaving the premises and retain the forms for at least one year from the date of the trip. Routine trip permission forms must be updated annually.

Findings: In review of the program's records, it was determined that requirements for written permission from the parent/guardian for a field trip or routine trip were not met as listed in number(s) 1 below:

1. Written parental permission was not secured for field trips and/or routine trips off the premises.
2. The written permission was missing the child's name.
3. The written permission was missing the date(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
4. The written permission was missing the destination(s) of the trip(s).
5. The written permission was missing the departure and return time(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
6. The written permission was missing the signature of the parent.
7. The written permission was missing the date on which the permission was signed.
8. The written permission was missing a statement notifying parents how their child will be transported.
9. Permission forms for routine trips were not being updated annually.
10. Written parental permission forms for field trips and/or routine trips were not being maintained on file for at least one year from the date of the trip.
11. Other:

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