Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

Center Licensing Inspection Full 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 Garden of Emah	Program Number 2180018484		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1801 Dallas Ave Cincinnati OH 45239			County HAMILTON
Building Approval Date 11/10/2014	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 49	Maximum Under 2 ½ 0
Fire Inspection Approval Date 04/05/2022	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 03/12/2024	Begin Time 9:10 AM	End Time 12:56 PM
Reviewer: ZIBUTE OSGOOD		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
33	11	0	2	14

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)		3	0	3
Young Toddler		2	0	2
Total Under 2 ½ Years	21	5	0	5
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		10	0	10
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	40	12	0	17

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**

Infants/Toddlers	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 3	two infants & one toddler, observed at 9:30 a.m.
Infants/Toddlers	12 months to < 18 months	0 to 5	one infant, over 12 months of age, one toddler, under 30 months of age, three preschool children - CCSM left group unattended to answer the door
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 7	3's & 4's, groups split and in own rooms

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 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.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 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.

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

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once. A child care staff member left children unattended to answer the door.
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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number 4 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.
2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.
3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.
4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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.

Finding: 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 4 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: 04/11/2024

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number 1 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained, for the school age children. The attendance observed was dated 02/21/2024 to 03/01/2024.
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: 04/11/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements
Code: 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 1 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/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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to store chemicals and cleaning and sanitizing supplies in a place that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and chemical substances must be stored in their original container or clearly labeled. School-age children may use cleaning supplies and equipment with adult supervision.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous substance, which was determined to not present a serious risk to a child, was not used or stored properly as noted in number 12 below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
3. Fish food was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
4. Hand lotion was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
5. Hand sanitizer (for children under 24 months) was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
6. Laundry detergent was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
7. Powder dish washing soap was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
8. Paint cans were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
9. White out was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
10. Potting Soil was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
11. Other potentially hazardous substance [ ] was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
12. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies had not been clearly labeled.
13. School-age children were using cleaning supplies, agents and/or equipment without adult supervision.
14. A spray aerosol was used in the [ ] group while children were in attendance.
15. Other: [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Code: 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: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number 6 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.
2. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
3. Toys or other items small enough to be swallowed were present in the space where infants and/or toddlers were in care.
4. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs.
6. Employee(s) purse(s).
7. Diaper bags.
8. Television not securely anchored.
9. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
10. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
11. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
12. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
13. A floor surface that was unsafe in that [ ].
14. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom.
15. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom was not sturdy.
16. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
17. Telephone cords.
18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [ ].
20. A mercury thermometer was being used to take a child's temperature.
21. Methods of ventilation used did not provide protection from rodents, insects, or other hazards.
22. Other [ ].

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: 04/11/2024

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements
Code: The program is required to provide food that does not pose as a choking hazard and is appropriate for the age of the children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the infant/toddler group was served unpeeled, quartered clementines, which was not appropriate for their age. 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.

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements
Code: The program is required to post the current weekly menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement as noted in number 1 below.

1. The current menu was not posted. The posted menu was dated 12/18/2023 to 12/22/2023.
2. The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents.
3. The menu was not currently dated.
4. The entire menu was substituted.
5. At least one item on menu did not match what was served.
6. The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu.

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.

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements
Code: The program is required to refrain from using televisions, computers, and other screens during meals and snacks.

Finding: During the inspection it was determined that a television was on during lunch. 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.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number 5 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated.

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.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement
Code: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements as listed in number 1 below.

1. A medical statement was not on file for at least one employee;
2. The medical statement(s) on file did not have a date of examination within 12 months of the employee's first day of employment;
3. Date of examination was missing;
4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;
5. A statement was missing that verifies the employee is:
a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;
b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);
c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);
6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test information was missing:
a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the world health organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment.
b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 6a.
c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test.
d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection
Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training. Additionally, the training must be completed before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training as noted in numbers 1, 4 below:

1. The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. Documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016 was not on file.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.
4. A child care staff member had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training as noted in number 1 below:

1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.

4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. The CPR training was expired.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the child care staff member(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number 1 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child
2. Medical(s) on file was not updated every 13 months
3. Medical(s) were missing child's name and date of birth
4. Medical(s) were missing the date of the medical examination
5. The date of the exam was more than 13 months prior to the date the form was signed.
6. Medical(s) were missing a statement that the child has been examined and is in suitable condition for participation in group care
7. Medical(s) were missing the signature, business address and telephone number of the physician, physician's assistant(PA), advance practice nurse (APN) or certified nurse practitioner (CNP) who examined the child
8. Medical(s) were missing a record of immunizations the child has had specifying month, day and year
9. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the physician, PA, APN, or CNP that the child has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized against the diseases required by division 5104.014 of the Revised Code and found in appendix A to this rule
10. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions
11. Other [ ]

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/11/2024

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to use the updated JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" .

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the JFS 01234 “Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care”, as required, for the items in numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15 below.

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list
8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked “yes”
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian’s signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. Other [ ]

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.

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding compliance inspections were discussed. The administrator arrived approximately fifteen minutes after inspection was started.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program was operating in compliance with the current building approval(s).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care" were posted in the program as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Not Verified	