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 Close to Home Childcare Center & Preschool	Program Number 2180018633	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 150 Grand Ave. Defiance OH 43512		County DEFIANCE

Building Approval Date 05/22/1995	Use Group/Code I-2	Occupancy Limit 97	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 09/10/2018	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/18/2024	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 1:45 PM
Reviewer: Beverly Sutter		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	2	0	0	3

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)		13	0	13
Young Toddler		6	0	6
Total Under 2 ½ Years	39	19	0	19
Older Toddler		20	0	20
Preschool		40	0	40
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	95	60	0	79

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

Infants	0 to < 12 months	3 to 9	
Tiny Tots/Young Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	
Older Toddlers 1	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 13	
Pre-K	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 12	
Older Toddlers 2	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 7	
Wee School	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15	

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

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to label all cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one crib was not labeled with the child's name, as required by this rule. 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: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to provide cribs with mattresses in good condition and sheets that are not too large or too small for the crib.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets, mattresses and/or mattress covers did not meet the rule requirement as noted in numbers 2 below:

1. At least one crib did not have a sheet.
2. At least one sheet was too large.
3. At least one sheet was too small.
4. At least one sheet was torn.
5. The mattress was not at least one and one-half inches thick.
6. The mattress was not firm.
7. There was space between the mattress and the sides and end panels of the crib which exceeded one and one-half inches.
8. The mattress cover was not waterproof.
9. The mattress cover was torn.
10. Other: [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/20/2024

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(s) 5b and 5c 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: 10/20/2024

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review.
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: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 6-17-25

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: 9066, March 1, 2025.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course.

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Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator's hours of availability to meet with parents were posted in a noticeable location.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator's posted hours of availability reflected an appropriate schedule meeting rule compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training.

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
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Adequate bathroom access is provided during outdoor play by means of bring enough children in to maintain ratio.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Drinking water is provided by means of personal water bottle.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the toddlers and preschool groups.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 9-9-24.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of trees and covering.

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Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All equipment in the outdoor play space was observed to be anchored and stable.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards.

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All equipment was observed to be properly placed out of the path of the main traffic pattern.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The playground safety kit was used to verify the outdoor play equipment was free from entrapment hazards and unsafe and protruding bolts.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

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Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's plan was to use air conditioning to maintain a comfortable temperature in warm weather.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All electrical outlets were covered with safety receptacles.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All area rugs had nonskid backing.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from items and conditions which threaten their health, safety and well-being.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The indoor temperature of the program during the inspection was comfortable and met rule compliance.

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Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was discussed that blankets were washed weekly.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program provided a clean environment in accordance with Appendix A of this rule, which included the furniture, materials and equipment.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the cleaning and sanitation of items and toys mouthed by children were discussed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the equipment was observed clean and in good repair.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Trash was stored and emptied daily.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their hands, as required by the rule.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: It was discussed with the staff that hand washing shall occur upon arrival to the program.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No smoking was allowed on the premises, and the notice stating that smoking is prohibited was observed posted in a conspicuous place.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Requirements regarding routine and/or field trips were discussed during the inspection.
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program uses the ODJFS sample trip permission form for routine trips to secure written permission from parents or guardians.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the records were complete, as required by the rule.
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: In review of 25% of the records, at the time of the inspection, children's medical statements were complete and on file, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.

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
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.

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: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a contagious illness by numbers 1 and 5 below: 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door; 5. Other-app Brightwheel

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The following activities were observed: circle time, free play, transitions, outdoor play.
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the toddler and preschooler group(s).
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule

		regarding daily outdoor play were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed meeting the basic needs of all children assigned to the group.

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed assisting children throughout the day.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff were observed using the positive child guidance techniques and practices in numbers 1 and 2 below. 1. Setting clear limits. 2. Redirecting to an appropriate activity. 3. Showing positive alternatives. 4. Modeling the desired behavior. 5. Reinforcing appropriate behavior. 6. Encouraging children to control their own behavior, cooperate with others and solve problems by talking. 7. Separation from the situation (no more than one minute per each year of the child's age; not to be used with infants). Upon return to the activity, the reason for the separation and expected behavior were discussed with the child. 8. Holding a child for a short period of time, such as in a protective hug, so that the child may regain self-control.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted menus were current and dated.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The menu was posted.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The menu posted reflected the meal served.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Substituted foods served were recorded on the posted menu, as required by this rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding fluid milk were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Food was stored in a safe and sanitary manner.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The container used to heat bottles is emptied and cleaned each day.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were warmed in accordance with the rule in a bottle warmer.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Bottles and opened food were stored in a refrigerator located in the infant room

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant room.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.

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
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.