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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 | | |
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| Program Name<br>Scholars of Tomorrow Child Enrichment Center | Program Number<br>2180018846 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>944 East 152nd Street Suite B Cleveland OH 44110 | | County<br>CUYAHOGA |

| Inspection Information | | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Complaint | | Inspection Scope<br>Partial | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Reviewer(s) ELAINE OBRIEN | Inspection Day<br>09/08/2025 | Begin Time<br>9:00 AM | End Time<br>11:30 AM |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified | No. Rules with Non-compliances | No. Serious Risk | No. Moderate Risk | No. Low Risk |
| 12 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Comment** |
| Toddler - SA combined | Mixed Age Group | 1 to 10 | Older toddler through SA combined at opening |
| Infant - toddler | Mixed Age Group | 1 to 3 | Infants and toddlers combined |
| PS-SA | Mixed Age Group | 1 to 9 | PS and SA combined group |

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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: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Allegation: Caller alleged that the program was not compliant with ratio requirements.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, a ratio of 1 child care staff member(s) for 10 children in the mixed age group of Older Toddlers through SA was determined to have occurred for the mixed age group when the situation in number(s) 2 and 3 below occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.
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: 10/17/2025

**Domain:04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Allegation: Caller alleged that the program was not compliant with safe fencing on the playground

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Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that an area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a continuous fence in good condition, or natural barrier, that ensured children were not able to leave the playground area. The fence or natural barrier was determined to present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground as noted in number 6 and 10 below:

1. The fence, natural barrier, or combination of fence and natural barrier was not continuous.
2. The fencing had missing slat boards through which children could leave the playground.
3. The gate was broken and did not close.
4. The latch on the gate was broken.
5. The gate had no latch.
6. The fencing has rough, splintered edged..
7. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.
8. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.
9. The portable fencing approved for use by the Department was not being used.
10. Other The fencing did not reach to the ground, leaving a large gap a child could go through and leave the play space.

Discontinue use of the playground and provide a space for outdoor play which is well defined by a continuous fence or natural barrier and protected from other hazards. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/17/2025

**Domain:04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Allegation: Caller alleged that the program was not compliant with the requirements for safe playground equipment

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended as noted in number(s) 14 and 20 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards.
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint.
11. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
12. Outdoor equipment, [ ] was not developmentally appropriate.

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13. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
14. Outdoor play equipment, a large slide and a smaller slide, was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
15. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
16. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.
17. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [ ].
18. Functionally linked equipment was used by preschool-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 12 inches.
19. Functionally linked equipment was used by school-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 18 inches.
20. Other broken equipment was available on the playground - small climber missing slide

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

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/17/2025

**Domain:08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement
Code: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Allegation: Caller alleged that the program was not compliant with the requirement for staff medicals

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: 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) 2 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.

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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.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/17/2025

## Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

### Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

### Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

**Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to have a second employee present, and used based on the qualifications they meet, when seven or more children are present.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not meet the rule requirement as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The program did not have a second employee or Child Care Staff Member present when required;
2. The program was using a second Child Care Staff Member who was not able to meet this criteria as defined in the rule.

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

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### Low Risk Non-Compliances

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**Domain:08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements
Code: The program is required to maintain a staff schedule with coverage of the required health trainings.

Findings: In review of the staff records, it was determined the program did not have at least one child care staff member present/scheduled to be present during all hours of operation with currently valid documentation for the training(s) listed in number(s) 12 and 13 below:

1. First Aid – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had expired training
2. First Aid – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] did not have verification of completion of First Aid
3. First Aid – trained child care staff member was not present in each building used by the program.
4. CPR – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had expired training
5. CPR – child care staff scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had did not have verification of completion of CPR
6. CPR – trained child care staff member was not present in each building used by children
7. CPR – training taken by staff was not appropriate for all ages and developmental levels of the children in care
8. CPR - audiovisual or electronic media training taken by staff did not include an in-person component of the training
9. Communicable Disease – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had expired training
10. Communicable Disease – child care staff scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had not taken Communicable Disease training
11. Communicable Disease – trained child care staff member was not present in each building used by the program
12. Child Abuse – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of 6:30am and 9:00am had expired training
13. Child Abuse – child care staff scheduled during the hours of 6:30 am and 9:00 am had not taken Child Abuse training
14. Child Abuse – trained child care staff was not in each building used by the program

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for specific details. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes verification of complete coverage for any training listed, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/17/2025