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Family Child Care 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 Little Dreamers Academy	Program Number 2190020697	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 5860 Gaines Rd Cincinnati OH 45247		County HAMILTON

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/27/2025	Begin Time 9:05 AM	End Time 9:39 AM
Reviewer: Jacob Downard		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
68	12	0	3	11

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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		2	0	2
Total Under 2 Years	3	2	0	2
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	6	0	0	2

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
5/27/2025	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 2	

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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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to protect children from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Findings: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined there was a screwdriver accessible to children. This was located in a kitchen drawer.

Any hazardous equipment must be removed, replaced, or repaired and any hazardous condition must be corrected and must be made inaccessible to children. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the item or condition has been removed and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/26/2025

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-09 Background Checks
Code: The program is required to receive a preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Findings: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks were not updated every five years for employee Donetta.

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: 06/26/2025

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements
Code: The program is required to store medication out of the reach of children.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined medication was in the reach of children. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/26/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements
Code: The program is required to respond to all non-compliances by the date noted in the inspection report.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 11/12/2024. The rule requires the program complete and submit a corrective action plan in OCLQS to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes
Code: The program is required to maintain smoke alarms in the appropriate areas of the program building.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the Type B Home did not have a working smoke alarm on the main level of the home. A working smoke alarm must be placed, installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/26/2025

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS
Code: The provider is required to keep their information current in OCLQS.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the information in number 3 below was not up to date in the Ohio Child Care Licensing and Quality System:

1. Mailing Address;
2. Telephone Number;
3. Email Address;
4. Days and Hours of Operation;
5. Services Offered;
6. Name of Program, If applicable.
7. Private pay rates.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/26/2025

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to have running water below the temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the water temperature was 132 degrees in the bathroom. This temperature exceeds the requirement of remaining below 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

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Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 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.

Findings: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well being. During the inspection, it was determined that surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/26/2025

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
Code: The program is required to have a completed emergency preparedness and response plan.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written emergency preparedness and response plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information in number 1 below:
Procedures:
1. The written emergency and preparedness and response plan had not been completed
2. The plan was not provided to all child care staff and employees
3. Weather emergencies and natural disasters which include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, major snowfall, blizzards, ice storms or earthquakes
4. Emergency outdoor and indoor lockdown or evacuation due to threats of violence which includes active shooter, bioterrorism or terrorism including a designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated
5. Emergency or disaster evacuations due to hazardous materials and spills, gas leaks or bomb threats including a designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated
6. Outbreaks, epidemics or other infectious disease emergencies
7. Loss of power, water, or heat
8. Other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the program
Details:
9. Shelter in place or evacuation, how the program will care for and account for the children until they can be reunited with the parent
10. Assisting infants, toddlers and children with special needs and/or health conditions
11. Emergency contact information for parents and the program
12. Procedures for notifying and communicating with parents regarding the location of the children if evacuated
13. Procedures for communicating with parents during loss of communications, no phone or internet service available
14. The location of supplies and procedures for gathering necessary supplies for staff and children if required to shelter in place
15. What to do if a disaster occurs during the transport of children or when on a field trip or routine trip
16. Making the plan available to all child care staff members and employees

17. Training of staff or reassignment of staff duties as appropriate
18. Updating the plan on a yearly basis
19. Contact with local emergency management officials
20. The plan was unable to be implemented in that, [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the missing information, if applicable, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions
Code: The program is required to meet the requirements for first aid kits.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the programs first aid kit was missing a thermometer, rolled gauze, non-latex gloves, CPR Mask, soap, and bottled water.

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/26/2025

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements
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.

Findings: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member Donetta had not completed the Family Child Care Orientation training.

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

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records
Code: The provider is required to maintain current employee, child care staff members and resident records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

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Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained. MiKenna needs removed from the organization's dashboard.

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

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-10 Professional Development
Code: The program staff is required to complete at least six clock hours of training annually.

Findings: In review of records, it was determined the provider and staff Donetta had not completed at least six hours of professional development.

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

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Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures
Code: The program is required to have policies and procedures for all items listed in this rule.

Findings: On the day of the inspection, the program's written policies and procedures provided to the parents/guardians and employees was missing item number 15 below:

General Information
1. Name, address, email address and telephone number.
2. Description of the provider's program philosophy.
3. Days and hours of operation, scheduled closings and basic daily schedule.
4. Staff/child ratios and group size.
5. Opportunities for parent involvement in activities.
6. Opportunities for parents to meet with the provider regarding their child.
7. Payment schedule, overtime charges and registration fees if applicable.
8. Programs shall have a policy in place describing supports for onsite breastfeeding or pumping for mothers who wish to do so (if the program serves infants or toddlers).

Provider Policies and Procedures
9. Enrollment including required enrollment information.
10. Care of children without immunizations.

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11. Attendance including procedures for arrival and departure, the program's absent day policy, releasing child to persons other than the parent, releasing a child according to a custody agreement and follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program or activity does not arrive.
12. Supervision of children, including a separate supervision policy for school-age children, if applicable.
13. Child guidance.
14. Suspension and expulsion.
15. Ensure compliance with the Americans and Disabilities (ADA) including administering medication to children with disabilities and administering care procedures for children with disabilities.
16. Outdoor play, including limitations placed on outdoor play due to weather or safety issues (considerations may include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, wind chill, ozone levels, pollen count, lightning, rain or ice).
17. Food and dietary policy, including information regarding meeting one-third of the child's recommended daily dietary allowance, policy regarding formula, breast milk, meals, and snacks and policy on providing supplemental food.
18. Management of illness including isolation precautions, symptoms for discharge and return, notification of parent of ill child and whether or not the provider will care for sick children.
19. Summary of procedures taken in the event of an emergency, serious illness or injury.
20. Administration of medication and topical products policy, medical foods, modified diets, and whether school age children are permitted to carry their own medical and ointments.
21. Transportation policy for field trips, routine walks, if applicable, and emergencies including if the provider will provide child care services to children whose parents refuse to grant consent for transportation to the source of emergency treatment.
22. Water activities/swimming.
23. Infant care, if applicable, including feeding, frequency of diaper checks, and information about daily activities.
24. Sleeping, napping and resting.
25. Evening and overnight care, if applicable.
26. Policy on hours of operation, closing due to weather, school delays or closings and any other factors.
27. Use of a substitute child care staff member or child care staff member pursuant to 5101:2-13-08 of the Administrative Code for sick days, vacations or other time off.
28. Situations that may require disenrollment of a child, if applicable.
29. Problem or issue resolution for parents or employees to follow when needing assistance in resolving problems related to the family child care home.
30.Formal screenings and assessments conducted on enrolled children and if the program reports child level data to ODJFS pursuant to Chapter 5101:2-17 of the Administrative Code.

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Building Requirements for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Health Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Pets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Toothbrushing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-17 Programming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	