Department of Children & Youth

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 Star's Little Steppers	Program Number 2190020883	Program Type FCC - Type A Home
Address 1868 Marigold Ave Akron OH 44301		County SUMMIT

Building and Fire Approvals apply to Type A Family Child Care Homes only

Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½

Fire Inspection Approval Date
11/25/2024

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 07/10/2025	Begin Time 1:25 PM	End Time 3:40 PM
Reviewer: Kaitlin Duncan		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
66	8	0	3	6

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	3	3
Young Toddler		0	1	1
Total Under 2 Years	4	0	4	4
Older Toddler		0	4	4
Preschool		0	11	11
School Age		0	1	1
Total Capacity/Enrollment	12	0	16	20

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Michael		3 to 10	

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

Department of Children & Youth

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 5180:2-12-03 and 5180:2-13-03 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: 5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff is required to use appropriate behavior management techniques.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used inappropriate techniques when managing unacceptable behavior with children, in that the following number 7 was prohibited:

1. Utilize cruel, harsh, unusual, or extreme techniques;
2. Utilize any form of corporal punishment;
3. Delegate children to manage or discipline other children;
4. Use physical restraints on a child;
5. Restrain children by any means other than holding children for a short period of time, such as in a protective hug, so that the children may regain control;
6. Place children in a locked room or confine children in any enclosed area;
7. Confine children to equipment such as cribs or highchairs;
8. Humiliate, threaten or frighten children;
9. Subject children to profane language or verbal abuse;
10. Make derogatory or sarcastic remarks about children or their families;
11. Punish children for failure to eat or sleep or for toileting accidents;
12. Withhold any food (including snacks and treats), rest or toilet use;
13. Punish an entire group of children due to the unacceptable behavior of one or a few;
14. Isolate and restrict children from all activities for an extended period of time.
15. Use prone restraints on a child.

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to refrain from using and storing potentially hazardous items, toxic substances, and outdoor machinery around children.

Findings: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored where children present had access to it as noted in number14 below. The potentially hazardous substance or item that posed a risk to children was determined to be accessible to children in the living room on the stairs, and in the main play room on the wall.

1. Bleach.
2. Cleaning agent.
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.
5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: Automatic aerosol sprayer.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone
Code: The program is required to have an adequate fall surface on the outdoor playground.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the playground did not have adequate fall surface under and around equipment as noted in the following number 2 below:

1. No fall surface
2. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall
3. Other [ ]

Any equipment designed for climbing, swinging, bouncing, or sliding needs a fall zone of protective material resilient under and around the equipment in order to protect children in the event of a fall. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes written verification of the discontinued use of this equipment until corrections are made along with a description of the resilient material added, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-13-18 Attendance
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 program 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 numbers 2 & 7 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.
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: 08/10/2025

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

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 children were not protected from the following item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well being as noted in the following number 5 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. Telephone cords.
7. Employee(s) purse(s).
8. Diaper bags.
9. Television not securely anchored.
10. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
11. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
12. Chipping or peeling paint.
13. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
14. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
15. A floor surface was unsafe in that [ ].
16. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet.
17. The platform provided for the sink or toilet was not sturdy.
18. The platform provided for the sink or toilet posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following furniture in that [ ].
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 [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-13 Handwashing
Code: The program staff and residents are required to wash their hands at the appropriate times as outlined in rule.

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the handwashing requirements were not being followed by the provider, program staff, residents, or a child in that a child did not wash their hands upon arrival. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan
Code: The program is required to post the completed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan for Child Care" and implement as required by rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the requirements for the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental and General Emergency Plan" were not followed as noted in number 6 below:

1. The plan was not posted on each level of the home used for child care.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the program were not complete.
3. The location of the first aid kit, fire extinguisher and fire alarm system, fire alarm pull stations and electrical circuit box were not complete.
4. The telephone number for emergency squad, fire department hospital, poison control program, public children services agency, local health department, local emergency management agency and police department were not complete.
5. Location of children's records was not complete.
6. Emergency information including any medications or supplies needed i the event of an evacuation was not complete.
7. The current version of the prescribed form was not used.
8. The plan was not implemented when necessary in that [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming
Code: The program is required to obtain written parental permission before children participate in water and swimming activities.

Findings: In the review of the program's records, it was determined that the written parental permission requirement for swimming/water activities was not met as noted in number 3 below:

1. The child's name and date of birth was missing.

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

2. Statement indicating whether the child is a non-swimmer or capable of swimming was missing.
3. Location of the water activities or swimming site by water of eighteen or more inches in depth was missing.
4. A statement of whether or not the program is providing additional adults or child care staff members above the licensing ratio requirements for this activity was missing.
5. A signature and date from the parent indicating permission for the activity was missing.
6. Permission was not obtained when water was directly accessible to children.
7. Permission was not obtained prior to a child swimming or playing in water eighteen inches or more in depth.
8. Permission was not obtained prior to a child participating in activities in or on water eighteen inches or more in depth.
9. Permission was not obtained prior to infants and toddlers using wading pools.
10. Written permission was not updated annually for on-going activities.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care" on file on the premises for each child.

Findings: In review 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 number(s) 4 & 13 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 [ ]

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

Department of Children & Youth

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/10/2025

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

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 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

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

Department of Children & Youth

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes	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 Staff Records	Compliant	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Professional Development	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 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	

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

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 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	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
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	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
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

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

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

Department of Children & Youth

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Review Policies and Procedures	Compliant	