Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

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 Stepping Stars Learning Place LLC	Program Number 2200022153		Program Type FCC - Type A Home
Address 342 Garfield Lima OH 45805			County ALLEN
Building and Fire Approvals apply to Type A Family Child Care Homes only			
Building Approval Date 06/17/2020	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 08/11/2023			

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/16/2023	Begin Time 5:58 PM	End Time 7:55 PM
Reviewer: Bridget Rex		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
66	13	0	2	13

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)		1	0	1
Young Toddler		0	2	2
Total Under 2 Years	6	1	2	3
Older Toddler		1	0	1
Preschool		2	0	2
School Age		0	2	2
Total Capacity/Enrollment	12	3	2	8

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Mixed Age Group	Mixed Age Group	1 to 6	

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: 5101:2-13-12 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 number(s) 1, 2, & 11 below. The potentially hazardous substance or item that posed a risk to children was determined to be accessible to children in Laundry are next to the kitchen / bathroom.

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: [ ].

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: 12/17/2023

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Space
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

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 1 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 was broken.
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 [ ].

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.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-13-18 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 number(s) 6 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: 12/17/2023

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-13 Smoke Free
Code: The program is required to provide a smoke free environment during operating hours, ensure smoking is not seen by children, post a "No Smoking Sign" by the main entrance, provide notification to parents if smoking occurs on the premises outside of operating hours, and refrain from exposing children to smoking paraphernalia.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not maintaining a smoke free environment, as noted in the number(s) 5 below:

1. The program did not provide a smoke free environment for children during the hours of child care in that [ ].
2. An individual left the home to smoke, however, this smoking occurred in an area within view of the children.
3. A "No Smoking" sign was not displayed in a conspicuous place at the main entrance.
4. Smoking had occurred in the program or vehicle during hours the program was not in operation; however, parents had not been given written notice of this.
5. Children had access and/or were exposed to smoking paraphernalia in that cigarette were observed in view of children.
6. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment
Code: The program is required to have all required items in the restroom(s) and keep them sanitary.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in the following number(s) [ ] below, were in the 4 & 5 restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.
2. There was no toilet tissue.
3. There were no individually assigned towels or disposable towels.
4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.
5. The plunger was accessible to the children.
6. The toilet was not flushed.
7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.
8. There was a strong urine odor.
9. Other [ ].

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-11 Outdoor 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.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe as noted in the number(s) 10 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There was 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. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.

11. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not developmentally appropriate.
12. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
13. Outdoor play equipment, [ ], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
14. 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
15. 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.
16. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [ ].
17. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Safe Equipment
Code: The program is required to use equipment that is safe and hazard free according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Fans, air conditioners, heat pumps, and space heaters must be inaccessible to children. The program is required to refrain from using trampolines, ball pits and inflatable equipment intended for climbing and bouncing, including but not limited to slides and bounce houses.

Findings: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 17 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [ ] were not followed in that [ ].
2. The straps were missing on the [ ].
3. The straps were attached, but were not used on the [ ].
4. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
5. The equipment had sharp points or corners.
6. The equipment had splinters.
7. The equipment had protruding nails.
8. The equipment had loose or rusty parts.
9. The equipment had paint which contains lead or other poisonous materials.
10. The equipment had hazardous features.
11. A fan was unstable and could easily tip over.
12. A fan had openings a finger could enter.
13. The pipes from the heat pump felt hot to the touch
14. A space heater felt hot to the touch
15. The position of a space heater was a tripping hazard
16. The air conditioning unit was not enclosed and was accessible to children on the playground.
17. A ball pit was used.
18. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
Code: The program is required to train child care staff members and employees on the written disaster plan annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. Child care staff members and employees were not trained annually.
2. Written documentation of the training was not kept on file.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-13-24 On-site Pools
Code: The provider and program staff are required to make pools on the premises inaccessible to children.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined a pool was located on the premises and was accessible to children in care as there was no fence or physical barrier as outlined in rule in that the fence was non-continuous. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-13-24 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(s) 10 below:

1. The child's name and date of birth was missing.
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: 12/17/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-10 Health Training
Code: The program is required to meet the health training requirements.

Findings: In review of records, it was determined the CCSM or Substitute CCSM was left alone with children and did not have current valid documentation for training(s) listed in number(s) 10 & 14 below:

1. First Aid - expired training
2. First Aid - did not have verification of completion of First Aid training
3. First Aid - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
4. CPR - expired training
5. CPR - had not taken CPR training
6. CPR - did not have verification of the completion of CPR training
7. CPR - training taken did not include all age groups the program serves and developmental levels of all children in care
8. CPR - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
9. CPR - audiovisual or electronic media training taken by staff did not include an in-person component of the training
10. Communicable Disease - expired training
11. Communicable Disease - had not taken CD training
12. Communicable Disease - did not have verification of the completion of the CD training

13. Communicable Disease - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
14. Child Abuse - expired training
15. Child Abuse - had not taken Child Abuse training
16. Child Abuse - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-10 Health Training
Code: The program is required to meet the health training requirements.

Findings: In review of records, it was determined the provider did not have current valid documentation for training(s) listed in number(s) 10 & 14 below:

1. First Aid - expired training
2. First Aid - did not have verification of the completion of First Aid training
3. First Aid - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
4. CPR - expired training
5. CPR - had not taken CPR training
6. CPR - did not have verification of the completion of CPR training
7. CPR - training taken did not include all age groups and developmental levels of all children in care
8. CPR - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
9. CPR- audiovisual or electronic media training taken did not include an in-person component of the training
10. Communicable Disease - expired training
11. Communicable Disease - had not taken CD training
12. Communicable Disease - did not have verification of the completion of CD training
13. Communicable Disease - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
14. Child Abuse - expired training
15. Child Abuse - had not taken Child Abuse training
16. Child Abuse - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule

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

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities
Code: The provider is required to maintain the required liability insurance or have a completed JFS 01933 "Liability Insurance Statement for Family Child Care Providers" on file for each child in care.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the provider did not have a completed JFS 01933 "Liability Insurance Statement for Family Child Care Providers" completed for each child in care. Correct the violation and submit proof of insurance with the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-15 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) 6 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/17/2023

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file for each child.

Findings: In review of 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(s) 2 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.
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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Building Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Toothbrushing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Programming	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-12 Pets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	