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 04/01/2024	Begin Time 9:13 AM	End Time 11:28 AM
Reviewer: Bridget Rex		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
66	9	0	2	8

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		2	0	2
Total Under 2 Years	6	3	0	3
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		1	3	4
School Age		0	2	2
Total Capacity/Enrollment	12	1	5	9

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Mixed Age Group	Mixed Age Group	1 to 4	

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) 9 below. The potentially hazardous substance or item that posed a risk to children was determined to be accessible to children in Child Care area (living room) & 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: 05/01/2024

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 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 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: The portable fencing approved for use by the Department was loose/ falling.

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/01/2024

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Pets
Code: The program is required to properly care for pets and prevent any threat to the safety or health of the children by the pet.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined pets at the program were not properly housed or cared for or posed a threat to the safety or health of the children as noted in number(s) 6 below:

1. The animal's cage was dirty with feces.
2. The aquarium was unclean.
3. The litter box was dirty with feces.
4. A pet posed a threat to the safety of a child in that [ ].
5. A pet requiring a license did not have a current license.
6. Proper inoculation records were not on file at the program for a pet requiring inoculations.
7. Children were exposed to the pet's urine and/or feces.
8. Other [ ].

A pet that poses a threat to the children shall not be at the program. All pets at the program must receive proper care and housing. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/01/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to store cleaning and sanitizing supplies in a place that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and chemical substances must be stored in their original container or clearly labeled. School-age children may use cleaning supplies and equipment with adult supervision.

Findings: During the inspection, cleaning and sanitizing equipment and supplies were not used or stored properly as noted in number(s) 5 & 15 below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
3. Fish food was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
4. Hand lotion was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
5. Hand sanitizer (for children under 24 months) was accessible to children in the child care (living room) area.
6. Laundry detergent was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
7. Powder dish washing soap was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
8. Paint cans were accessible to children in the [ ] area.
9. White out was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
10. Potting Soil was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
11. Other potentially hazardous substance [ ] was accessible to children in the [ ] area.
12. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies had not been clearly labeled.

13. School-age children were using cleaning supplies, agents and/or equipment without adult supervision.
14. A spray aerosol was used in the [ ] group while children were in attendance.
15. Other: mouthwash was accessible to children in the bathroom area.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance is no longer accessible to children and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/01/2024

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 emergency preparedness and response plan annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written emergency and preparedness and response plan did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually as noted in number(s) 1 & 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: 05/01/2024

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) 6 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: 05/01/2024

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/01/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-09 Background Checks
Code: The program is required to have the applicable JFS 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" on file.

Findings: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background check requirements had not been followed, for the individual(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. The JFS 01176 “Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care” the program received from the Department was not on file and the individual was not left alone with children.
2. The JFS 01177 “Individual Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care” was on file instead of the JFS 01176.
3. The JFS 01176 on file was for a different program.

Submit the program’s corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the correct form is now on file, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/01/2024

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: 05/01/2024

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) 1, 6,7,10, 12, 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: 05/01/2024

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 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Health Training	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 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	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 Smoke Free	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 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

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

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

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5101:2-13-14 Vehicle 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
5101:2-13-18 Attendance	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
5101:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	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
5101:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

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