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Center 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 Stone Child Care	Program Number 2200022986		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 2132 stringtown rd Grove City OH 43123			County FRANKLIN
Building Approval Date 10/29/2021	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 11/17/2025	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/25/2025	Begin Time 8:55 AM	End Time 1:00 PM
Reviewer: HEATHER STILLION		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	10	0	2	9

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)		15	0	15
Young Toddler		10	0	10
Total Under 2 ½ Years	36	25	0	25
Older Toddler		6	0	6
Preschool		26	0	26
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	82	32	0	57

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

PreK		1 to 7	
PreK		2 to 10	Lunch
Infant A		1 to 2	
Infant A		2 to 6	
Infant B		1 to 6	
Infant B		2 to 7	
Toddlers		1 to 4	
Toddlers		1 to 7	Nap
Older Toddlers		1 to 3	
Older Toddlers		1 to 5	Nap
Preschool		1 to 5	
Preschool		2 to 10	Nap

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: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that are a potential suffocation risk from cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object that created a potential strangulation or suffocation risk, as indicated in number(s) 12 below: 1. Bib 2. Pacifier clip/ribbon 3. Teething jewelry 4. Blanket for infant under twelve months old 5. Pillow 6. Boppie 7. Bumper pad 8. Clothing stored in the crib 9. Diaper bag 10. Object or toy strung over the crib in which a child can pull

himself up 11. Stuffed animal that is large/soft enough to conform to the shape of the child's face 12. Other-Bottle The rule prohibits any item which obstructs child-care staff's visibility or poses a risk of strangulation or suffocation from being placed on or in a crib. Remove the item(s) immediately. 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.

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Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment in number(s) 6 below had been used for sleeping infants and did not allow the infant to sleep on a firm mattress: 1. Mesh cribs; 2. Play pens; 3. Bassinets; 4. Cots; 5. Car seats; 6. Infant swing; 7. The floor; 8. Infant seats; 9. An infant placed in a car seat in a crib; 10. Other [ ]. Infants must be provided with a crib, which meets requirements specified in this rule, for resting and sleeping. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that staff training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number(s) 9 & 12 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.

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5. Stacked chairs. 6. Employee(s) purse(s). 7. Diaper bags. 8. Television not securely anchored. 9. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall. 10. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced. 11. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing. 12. An area rug presented a tripping hazard. 13. A floor surface that was unsafe in that [ ]. 14. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom. 15. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom was not sturdy. 16. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom posed a safety hazard in that [ ]. 17. Telephone cords. 18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child. 19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [ ]. 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 [ ]. 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/01/2026

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Code: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number(s) 4 & 5 below, were in the preschool restroom: 1. There was no liquid soap. 2. There was no toilet paper. 3. There were no paper towels. 4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children. 5. The plunger was accessible to the children. 6. The toilet(s) were 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. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment appropriate for the children in the program in sufficient quantities that all children can be actively involved. Play materials must be accessible to the children and arranged in an orderly manner.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that equipment, materials and furnishings provided for indoor and outdoor play did not meet the requirement of the rule as noted in number(s) 1 & 2 below. 1. Equipment and materials were not varied and adequate to meet the developmental needs of the children. 2. Equipment and materials were not provided in a sufficient quantity that each child can be actively involved in an activity.

3. Play materials were not readily accessible to the children in the [ ] classroom. 4. Play materials were not arranged in an orderly manner so that children have opportunities to select, remove and replace play materials with minimal assistance during the day in the [ ] classroom. 5. Durable, child-sized or safely adapted furniture was not provided for children in the [ ] classroom. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements
Code: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member did not meet the annual professional development requirement as noted in number(s) 1 below: 1. The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development. 2. Documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule. 3. Training topic did not meet the requirements listed in appendix A of this rule. 4. Documentation of training did not meet the requirements of this rule. 5. The substitute(s) had been used more than ninety days annually between July first and June thirtieth and had not completed at least six hours of professional development 6. Other [ ]. 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: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements
Code: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number(s) 6 below: 1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile. 2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment. 3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change. 4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard. 5. At least one individual's

schedule was not current. 6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment. 7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated. 8. Other: [ ] 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: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement
Code: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: 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) 1 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. 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.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements
Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education for the child care staff member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, did not meet the requirements as listed in number(s) 1 below: 1. Verification of completion of a high school education was not on file. 2. Documentation was incomplete or not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a career-technical program. 3.

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Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is also enrolled in a college credit program in child development or early childhood education. 4. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a Child Development Associate (CDA) training program. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the education verification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to use the updated JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" .

Finding: In review of 25% 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) 14 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 [ ] Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration
Code: The program is required to remove all medication, medical foods and topical products that are no longer being administered or have expired. The program is also required to maintain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that medication, medical foods and/or topical products did not meet the requirement(s) for administering medication, medical foods, and/or medical products as noted in number(s) 1 below: 1. The medication, medical food, or topical product was no longer needed and had not been removed from the program. 2. The medication, medical food, or topical product had expired and had not been

removed from the program. 3. The prescription label had expired. 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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: APEE-DDTS9C Exp 3/1/26.

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	