Department of Children & Youth

Complaint Inspection Summary Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/ . This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name Little Tikes Daycare LLC	Program Number 2210024655	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1766 Canton Rd Akron OH 44312		County SUMMIT

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/10/2026	Begin Time 11:15 AM	End Time 12:15 PM	Reviewer: AQILA BROWN

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 7	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant 3
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	2 to 23		12:11 pm
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3		12:13 pm
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 4		12:15 pm
PS /Pre K	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15		12:17 pm

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Complaint Allegations

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, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements
Code:

Allegation: The program provides misleading information on incident reports.

Determination: Unable to be determined

Findings: Based upon the investigation, the alleged rule violation was unable to be determined due to in reviewing the documentation for incident reporting, and discussions with staff, there was no indication that the information on the documents was misleading.

Risk Level:

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Allegation: A child care staff member used a prohibited technique as a means to control or discipline a child.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a child care staff member had used prohibited techniques as a means to control or discipline children.
The following prohibited technique was observed: In reviewing video footage from August 6, 2026, within the school-age group, two children were observed engaged in a verbal confrontation. One staff member intervened to prevent one child from approaching the other. When the child's behavior did not deescalate, the staff member placed their hand over the child's mouth from behind to stop the child from yelling profanity. The child then pushed away from the staff member and began yelling at them. A second staff member, who was the parent, approached the child from behind, forcefully placed their arm around the child's upper body, covered the child's mouth, and dragged the child away from the group.

Child-care staff members and other employees must always use appropriate guidance and management methods with children. 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: 09/10/2026

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Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program staff used in ratio are to refrain from other duties that would not allow them to provide appropriate care and supervision of the children in their group.

Allegation: Child care staff members were out of ratio when they were engaged in other duties.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that child care staff members who were used in the staff/child ratio were engaged in other duties and, therefore, were unable to provide appropriate care and supervision to the children.
The following other duties were observed: On the morning of July 29, 2026, a review of the classroom video for the school-age group showed a total of 17 children present, including two four-year-old children. Three staff members were assigned to the group at that time. One staff member was positioned in a corner with seven of the children doing an activity, while the other two staff members had stepped into the office area. In the office space, one staff member was turned away from the remaining 10 children while speaking with a parent, and the other staff member was engaged with a computer and not observing the children.
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: 09/10/2026

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements
Code: The program is required to provide food that does not pose as a choking hazard and is appropriate for the age of the children.

Allegation: The program offered toddlers food that presented a choking hazard.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the toddler group was offered whole hot dogs, which posed a choking hazard and was not appropriate for their age. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/10/2026

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Summary of Non-Compliances

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Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to an increased risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No moderate risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

No other non-compliances were observed during this inspection