Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full 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 Home Sweet Home	Program Number 2210025177	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 2615 Windsor Ave Youngstown OH 44502		County MAHONING

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/27/2026	Begin Time 11:10 AM	End Time 12:30 PM	Reviewer: Taylor Dinh

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 78	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 5		No. Requirements Compliant 63
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 5	No. Technical Assistance Provided 2

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	1	1
Young Toddler		0	1	1
Total Under 2 ½ Years		0	2	2
Older Toddler		1	1	2
Preschool		0	1	1
School Age		2	1	3
Total Capacity/Enrollment	7	3	3	8

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Home Sweet Home	Mixed Age Group	1 to 2	In Compliance	11:15 AM

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, 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.

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

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to have running water below the temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the water temperature was 129 degrees Fahrenheit in the bathroom. This temperature exceeds the requirement of remaining below 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/26/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Requirement: The program is required to post the fire and weather alert plan with a diagram.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the posted weather and fire alert plan did not meet the requirements in rule.

The following was observed: the weather and fire alert plan was not posted in the downstairs bedroom.

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

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Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed emergency preparedness and response plan.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program’s written emergency preparedness and response plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed missing: the program's tornado policy stated children would shelter in basement, the home does not have a basement; the EPRP did not state how parents are provided with the provider's contact

information; the procedures for notifying/communicating with parents regarding the location of children if evacuated did not state the parents or emergency contacts would be called; and throughout the document, references were made to staff/CCSM, the provider is the only staff.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the missing information, if applicable, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: **06 Program Information**

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips

Requirement: The program is required to obtain written parental permission before leaving the premises and retain the forms for at least one year from the date of the trip. Routine trip permission forms must be updated annually.

Finding: In review of the program's records, it was determined that requirements for written permission from the parent/guardian for a field trip or routine trip were not met.

The following was observed: routine trip forms were not updated yearly.

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Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Written Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program is required to have policies and procedures for all items listed in this rule.

Finding: On the day of the inspection, the program's written policies and procedures provided to the parents/guardians and employees was missing item(s).

The following was observed as missing/outdated:

In staff/child ratios and group size, the maximum capacity needs changed to 7.

In the payment section, the rates do not match the rates listed on OCLQS.

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The Written Information needs to include policies regarding evening and overnight care (7pm-6am). This should include that the provider will remain awake until all children are asleep; how the home with provide adequate lighting so provider can see children, and parents can see safely during pick up and drop off; children under the age of 5 sleep on the same floor with the provider; bedtime routines followed; children's pjs/toothbrushes/personal items kept separate; and bathing children while ensuring school age boys and girls are separated. Please refer to rule 5180:2-13-21 and pages 86-88 for more information regarding evening/overnight care.

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Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records

Requirement: The provider is required to maintain current employee, child care staff members and resident records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program’s employment records were missing or incomplete in the OPR as required. The provider's schedule in the OPR does not match the program's operating hours. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Child Enrollment Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care" or equivalent on file on the premises for each child.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the child's enrollment form was not updated annually as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please update the child's enrollment using the new enrollment form. A written response is not required at this time.

In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Not Applicable	

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 Information in Ohio statewide licensing system	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Immunization	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	Not Applicable	

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	Not Applicable	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-05 Denial, Revocation, and Suspension	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Health Training	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
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

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5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	

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5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	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 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Pets	Not Applicable	

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 Driver Requirements	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
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	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
5180:2-13-15 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 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
5180:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

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5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

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5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

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5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

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5180:2-13-20 Cots & Napping - Practices	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
5180:2-13-22 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 Daily Care	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 and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Not Applicable	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure - No Notification	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Cots & Napping - Equipment & Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	

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

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5180:2-13-25 Medication Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	