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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 | | | |
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| Program Name<br>A Step Above 2 INC | Program Number<br>2230027870 | | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>3728 Pearl Rd Cleveland<br>OH<br>44109 | | | County<br>CUYAHOGA |
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| Building Approval Date<br>03/28/2023 | Use Group/Code<br>E | Occupancy Limit<br>199 | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date<br>05/06/2025 | Food Service Risk Level<br>Level III | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Annual | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>12/12/2025 | Begin Time<br>8:00 AM | End Time<br>1:00 PM |
| Reviewer:<br>CYNTHIA PAYNE | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified | No. Rules with Non-compliances | No. Serious Risk | No. Moderate Risk | No. Low Risk |
| 56 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
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| Age Group | License Capacity | Enrollment | | |
| | Totals | Full Time | Part Time | Total |
| Infant ( Birth to < 18 m) | | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Young Toddler | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **Total Under 2 ½ Years** | 42 | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Older Toddler | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Preschool | | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| School Age | | 0 | 45 | 45 |
| **Total Capacity/Enrollment** | 182 | 24 | 45 | 85 |

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

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| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 1 to 3 | |
| Infants | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 6 | |
| Toddlers | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 6 | |
| Toddlers | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 7 | |
| Preschool I & II | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 10 | |
| Preschool I & II | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 10 | |
| School-Age | School-Age to < 11 years | 1 to 4 | |
| School-Age | School-Age to < 11 years | 1 to 1 | |

## 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

**No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection**

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**Low Risk Non-Compliances**

**Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment
Code: The program is required to have enough equipment for all children in care.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that equipment and materials in the following categories were not provided in sufficient quantities for children in the toddler classroom, as required: 3 and 6.

1. Art supplies (excludes infants)
2. Manipulative materials and equipment
3. Blocks
4. Science-nature equipment (excludes infants)
5. Language arts and auditory materials and equipment
6. Pretend or dramatic play materials
7. Music equipment
8. Transportation materials and equipment
9. Gross motor equipment
10. Sensory motor equipment
11. School age children were not provided sufficient equipment and materials in at least five of the first nine categories above.

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: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection
Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training. Additionally, the training must be completed before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training as noted in number 1 below:

1. The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. Documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016 was not on file.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.
4. A child care staff member had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/11/2026

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training as noted in numbers 4, 5 and 6 below:

1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. The CPR training was expired.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the child care staff member(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/11/2026

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% 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 numbers 1 and 2 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child
2. Medical(s) on file was not updated every 13 months

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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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/11/2026

## Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Posted | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS). |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding compliance inspections and complaint investigations were discussed. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 5/6/2026. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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: SWAS-DFJRCT issued 4/8/2025 Risk Level III expiration 3/1/2026. |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.<br><br>Please have the education verified for all staff. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The restrooms are used exclusively by the program. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding separation of children under two and one half years of age were discussed. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was not observed due to weather conditions however, the quarterly playground inspections were discussed and documentation was on file, as required. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition. |

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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Not Verified | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Not Verified | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All electrical outlets were covered with safety receptacles. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program provided a clean environment in accordance with Appendix A of this rule, which included the furniture, materials and equipment. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their hands, as required by the rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: No smoking was allowed on the premises, and the notice stating that smoking is prohibited was observed posted in a conspicuous place. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The driver had current and valid training in first aid, management of communicable disease, and CPR. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program uses the ODJFS sample trip permission form for [routine/field] trips to secure written permission from parents or guardians. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The driver(s) had completed the required ODJFS driver training. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, was verified and dated 6/10/2025. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Compliant | Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 “Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care” were posted in the program as required. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding daily outdoor play were discussed. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance. |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | Documenting Statement: School children were observed running errands, using the restroom, or engaging in short term activities under proper supervision. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All cribs were placed 2 feet apart. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cribs were separated from the play space by a safe and sturdy and physical barrier. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All cribs were labeled with the assigned infant's name. |

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| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The menu was posted Parent Board. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All eating utensils were developmentally appropriate. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All infants/toddlers were served formula/milk in sufficient amounts to meet the nutritional requirements. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All bottles were warmed in accordance with the rule in a bottle warmer. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, there was discussion concerning diapering routines. Child-care staff indicated diapers were changed at appropriate intervals throughout the day. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Children who were toilet training used the classroom restroom. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration | Compliant | Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed. |