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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 The Learning Ladder Childcare	Program Number 2230028293	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 4829 Prosperity Pl Cincinnati OH 45238		County HAMILTON

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/17/2025	Begin Time 10:18 AM	End Time 10:39 AM
Inspection Date 12/10/2025	Begin Time 8:57 AM	End Time 9:53 AM
Inspection Date 12/11/2025	Begin Time 8:24 AM	End Time 8:30 AM
Reviewer: Jacob Downard		
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Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
68	9	0	1	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)		1	0	1
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 Years	3	1	0	1
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		1	0	1
School Age		7	0	7
Total Capacity/Enrollment	7	10	0	11

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
12/10/2025	Mixed Age Group	1 to 2	

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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: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements
Code: The program is required to follow regulations and/or safety precautions when transporting children.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not follow regulations and/or safety precautions when children were transported as noted in number 2 below:

1. Seat belts were not used by children.
2. Child restraint systems were not used.
3. Children were riding in seats that were not securely anchored.
4. More than one child was strapped in a seat belt.
5. A child under the age of twelve years old rode in the front seat of the vehicle.
6. At least one child or adult was standing or sitting on the floor in a moving vehicle, in that [ ].
7. Adult(s) in the vehicle failed to wear seat belt(s).

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes assurance that these safety guidelines will be met when children are transported, and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes
Code: The program is required to maintain smoke alarms in the appropriate areas of the program building.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the Type B Home did not have a working smoke alarm in the basement and on main level of home. A working smoke alarm must be placed, installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-13-18 Attendance
Code: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the program for a period of one year.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number 7 below on Kinder Connect.

1. No attendance record was being maintained.
2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.
3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.
4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.
5. The record did not include the assigned group.
6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.
7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.
8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

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

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Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 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 outdoor play area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or being used inappropriately as noted in number 2 below:

1. The fencing had missing slat boards.
2. The fencing was broken.
3. The fencing was loose.
4. The fencing was rotting.
5. The gate was broken and did not close.
6. The gate was locked.
7. The latch on the gate was broken.
8. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.
9. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.
10. The gate had no latch.
11. There were bolts with more than two threads exposed along a fence line or gate on a playground.
12. 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: 06 Program Information

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

Findings: 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 as listed in number 9 below:

1. Written parental permission was not secured for field trips and/or routine trips off the premises.
2. The written permission was missing the child's name.
3. The written permission was missing the date(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
4. The written permission was missing the destination(s) of the trip(s).
5. The written permission was missing the departure and return time(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
6. The written permission was missing the signature of the parent.
7. The written permission was missing the date on which the permission was signed.
8. The written permission was missing a statement notifying parents how their child will be transported.
9. Permission forms for routine trips were not being updated annually.

10. Written parental permission forms for field trips and/or routine trips were not being maintained on file for at least one year from the date of the trip.
11. Other: [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan 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
Code: The program is required to have all required items on trips.

Findings: The following items need to be taken on routine trips and field trips:

1. First aid supplies;
2. JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health information" (except routine walks);
3. A working cellular phone or other means of immediate communication (not to be used while a vehicle is in motion).

During the inspection, it was determined item numbers 1 and 2 was missing. Submit the program's action plan to meet the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections
Code: The program is required to complete and document weekly vehicle inspections.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not [performed/documented] weekly inspections of vehicles used for transporting children. The weekly inspection needs to include the following:

1. A visual inspection of the tires for wear and tire pressure;
2. A visual inspection of headlights, taillights, signals, mirrors, wiper blades, and dash gauges;
3. An inspection for properly functioning child and driver restraints;
4. An inspection for properly functioning doors and windows;
5. An inspection for, and cleaning of, debris from the inside of the vehicle;
6. Other [ ].

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

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Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program is required to retain and update infant feeding instructions.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review form were not on file, as required by this rule. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records
Code: 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 that employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number 2 below:
1. The provider had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.
2. The provider had not created or updated the program's organizational dashboard in the OPR.
3. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.
4. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created an employment record in the OPR for the program on or before the first day of employment, including date of hire.
5. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles in the OPR within five calendar days of the change.
6. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's scheduled days and hours changed.
7. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's group assignments changed, if applicable.
8. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated with the employment end date within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member ended employment.
9. At least one resident over the age of eighteen had not created a profile and employment record for the family child care provider within five days of becoming a resident or turning eighteen.
10. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five calendar days of a change in residency for at least one resident over the age of eighteen.
11.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: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 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 numbers 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, and 13 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.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

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 Requirements 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
5180:2-13-04 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 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 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 Health Training	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	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	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 Toothbrushing	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 Driver Requirements	Compliant	

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

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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 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	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 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	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
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	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 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 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	

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

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

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