Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

# 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>The Learning Ladder Academy | Program Number<br>2230028459 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>4791 Salem Ave Dayton<br>OH 45417 | | County<br>MONTGOMERY |

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| Building Approval Date<br>10/04/2022 | Use Group/Code<br>E | Occupancy Limit | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date<br>06/29/2023 | Food Service Risk Level<br>Exempt | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Provisional | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>12/04/2023 | Begin Time 9:50 AM | End Time 1:45 PM |
| Reviewer:<br>KEYAUNA BABER | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified | No. Rules with Non-compliances | No. Serious Risk | No. Moderate Risk | No. Low Risk |
| 58 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 13 |

| 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) | | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Young Toddler | | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| **Total Under 2 ½ Years** | 22 | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| Older Toddler | | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Preschool | | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| School Age | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Capacity/Enrollment** | 50 | 7 | 0 | 20 |

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

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| Tod/PS (Dragonfruit) | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 8 | |
| Tod/PS (Dragonfruit) | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 4 | |
| Tod/PS (Dragonfruit) | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 4 | |
| Infant (Cucumber) | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 6 | |
| Infant (Cucumber) | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 7 | |

## 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: 00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection
Code: The program is required to refrain from using space that did not receive building approval and from caring for children in spaces not approved for that age group. The program is required to refrain from using a remodeled or modified space before obtaining building approval. The program is required to maintain building occupancy limitations.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program was using space for child care in a manner that was not approved by the Ohio Department of Commerce or local certified building authority as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The room or space was not approved as the temporary certificate of occupancy expired and a new certificate of occupancy had not be obtained.
2. Children under school age were being cared for in a building only approved for school age.
3. The space had been modified and not yet re-inspected and approved.
4. The [ ] floor, which had not been approved by the building department for child care, was being used.

5. The building limitation had been exceeded. [ ] children were being cared for and the building had been approved for [ ] children.
6. The [ ] room(s) occupancy had been exceeded. [ ] children were being cared for in this space that had been approved for [ ] children.
7. Care was provided to [ ] children less than two and one-half years of age. This violated the program's building code limitation in that, [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes building approval for use of this space, a written statement that the building occupancy limitations are being maintained, or a written statement that it is no longer being used, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Low Risk Non-Compliances**

**Domain: 00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements
Code: The program is required to refrain from preparing and serving food as stated in their exemption from a food service license.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that food was prepared and served in violation of the terms of the program's food service license exemption report which stated the program was exempt as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Prepares and serves no food;
2. Prepares and serves food to thirteen or fewer individuals daily;
3. Prepares no food but food is prepared and served by a licensed caterer as directed by Chapter 3717 ORC;
4. Other [ ].

The program must operate in accordance with the terms of the food service exemption status. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 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) 22 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.
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: a plastic bag was placed near a crib, and an infant in the crib was pulling the on the bag.

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: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years
Code: The program is required to separate children younger and older than 2 1/2 years of age.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined a group that included at least one child less than the age of two and one half years of age was not kept separate from groups of older children as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1) The [ ] group, which included children less than two and one half years of age, were cared for in a space where a group of older children were receiving care.
2) A barrier was not used to separate the space being used by the group of children less than two and one half years of age from space being used for groups of children two and one half years and older.
3) The barrier separating the groups was not at least 36 inches in height.
4) The barrier separating the groups was not continuous and sturdy.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended as noted in number(s) 1, 17 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards.
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint.
11. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
12. Outdoor equipment, [ ] was not developmentally appropriate.
13. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
14. Outdoor play equipment, [ ], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
15. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
16. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.

17. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the tricycles as there was at least one that was missing handle bar grips.
18. Functionally linked equipment was used by preschool-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 12 inches.
19. Functionally linked equipment was used by school-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 18 inches.
20. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills
Code: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the required drills were not completed for item number(s) 2 below:

1. Monthly fire drills.
2. Monthly weather emergency drills (March through September).
3. Emergency/lockdown drills in each quarter of the calendar year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements
Code: The program is required to serve age-appropriate fluid milk or obtain written documentation when serving substitutions for fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that required documentation for substitutions for fluid milk was not on file as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants up to 12 months of age are served anything other than formula or breast milk.
2. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants and toddlers 12 months of age up to 24 months of age are served anything other than unflavored whole homogenized vitamin D fortified cow's milk, breast milk, or non-cow milk substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to milk.
3. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when toddlers and children 24 months of age and older are served anything other than unflavored one per cent milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, unflavored fat free or skim milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, or non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk.
4. Written parental consent for non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk for children 12 months of age and older.
5. The program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk.

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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements
Code: The program is required to post the current weekly menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement as noted in number(s) 1 below.

1. The menu was not posted for each meal and snack served.
2. The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents.
3. The menu was not currently dated.
4. The entire menu was substituted.
5. At least one item on menu did not match what was served.
6. The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu.

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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to provide a safe and sufficient barrier to separate the play and sleeping space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the barrier between the play and sleeping space did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 4, 2 below:

1. No barrier had been provided
2. The barrier did not prevent the infants from entering the sleeping area.
3. The barrier was not safe.
4. The barrier was not sturdy.
5. The barrier impaired staff's ability to see and hear all sleeping infants in their cribs.
6. The barrier was inadequate.
7. 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program staff is required to label bottles containing formula or breast milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that bottles containing formula for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and date of preparation. 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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program staff is required to label and store bottles with breast milk following the requirements in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that breast milk provided by the parent was not stored appropriately as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Not labeled with infant's name, date pumped, and date bottle was prepared;
2. Not immediately refrigerated or frozen;
3. Stored at room temperature longer than eight hours;
4. Stored at the program for more than five days after it was expressed;
5. Stored longer than two weeks in the freezer compartment of the refrigerator;
6. Stored longer than six months in the refrigerator/freezer;
7. Stored longer than twelve months in the deep freezer;
8. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated, as the form did not specify when completed or by whom.

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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 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) 6 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 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) 7, 8, 10, 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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/04/2024

## Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-02 License Posted | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5101:2-12-15 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 |
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| 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | |

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| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-18 Group Size | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, rule requirements pertaining to evening and overnight care were discussed, but not observed. The discussion included the requirements for the program's security plan, the schedule of activities, the sleeping arrangements if applicable, and the other hygiene stipulations outlined in the rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant | |