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			
Program Name Little Thinker Learning Center	Program Number 2230029039		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3500 E. Broad St. Columbus OH 43123			County FRANKLIN
Building Approval Date 12/21/2011	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit Room	Maximum Under 2 ½ Room
Fire Inspection Approval Date 11/17/2023	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 04/29/2024	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 12:40 PM
Reviewer: CRYSTAL LUSE		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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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)		3	0	3
Young Toddler		2	0	2
Total Under 2 ½ Years	20	5	0	5
Older Toddler		1	0	1
Preschool		8	0	8
School Age		7	0	7
Total Capacity/Enrollment	42	16	0	21

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

Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	
Preschool	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	All groups combined on playground
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	

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: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans
Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the JFS 01236.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children Records Review, with a condition that requires a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" as noted in numbers 27-31 below:

1. No plan was on file.
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2. Child's name was missing.
3. Name of the condition was missing.

4. Indication if medication or medical food is required was missing.
5. Signs, symptoms or situations that require staff to take action were missing.
6. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.
7. Training instructions for procedures for staff to follow were missing or incomplete.
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8. Child's name was missing or not attached.
9. Child's date of birth was missing or not attached.
10. Child's weight was missing or not attached.
11. Name of the medication/medical food was missing or not attached.
12. Dosage of medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.
13. Time for medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.
14. Expiration date for medication/medical food was missing or not attached.
15. Symptoms that require staff to administer medication/medical food were missing or not attached.
16. Specific instructions to administer the medication/medical food were missing or not attached.
17. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing or not attached.
18. Physician's signature was missing or not attached.
19. The date of the physician's signature was missing or not attached.
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20. Child's name was missing.
21. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.
22. Signature of parent granting permission to implement the plan and verifying training was missing.
23. Date of parent signature was missing.
24. Certified Professional Trainer information was missing.
25. Signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.
26. Date of trainer signature was missing.
27. Printed name(s)of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.
28. Signature(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.
29. Date of staff signature was missing.
30. Administrator/Provider signature was missing
31. Date of administrator/Provider was missing.
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32. Child's name was missing.
33. Name of medication or medical food was missing.
34. Date the medication/medical food was administered was missing.
35. Time medication/medical food was administered was missing.
36. Dosage of medication/medical food that was administered was missing.
37. Signature of person administering medication/medical food was missing.
38. The plan was not followed or implemented.
39. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.
40. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were onsite when a child requiring the plan was present.
41. Child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were not scheduled to be present the entire the time the child requiring the plan was onsite.
42. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 accompanied the child requiring the plan during a trip.

43. A child care staff member who had not been trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 performed the procedure.
44. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all staff and children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as listed in number 6 below, as required in rule.

1. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands upon arrival for the day.
2. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands prior to departure.
3. At least one staff did not wash their hands upon entry into a classroom.
4. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
5. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after each diaper change or pull-up change.
6. At least one staff did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids (wiping a nose).
7. At least one child did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids.
8. At least one child did not wash their hands after returning inside after outdoor play.
9. At least one staff did not wash their hands after cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
10. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
11. At least one staff did not wash their hands before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
12. At least one child did not wash their hands before eating or assisting with food preparation.
13. At least one staff did not wash their hands before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
14. At least one child did not wash their hands after water activities.
15. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands when visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
16. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan
Code: The program is required to post the fire and weather plans.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following information was not posted for item numbers 1 & 2 below:

1. Fire alert plan, including a diagram indicating evacuation routes (missing the written plan).
2. Weather alert plan was missing.
3. Weather alert plan was missing a diagram indicating evacuation routes.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-17 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: 4 & 10.

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.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to conduct and document quarterly inspections of their outdoor play space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that quarterly inspections of one or more outdoor play area(s) and equipment had not been completed and documented as required, using the JFS 01281 "Child Care Playground Inspection Report" form. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack 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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the Preschool group was served whole meatballs, which posed a choking hazard. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to space cribs two feet apart when in use.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that cribs were not two feet apart when in use, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

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 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: 05/29/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements
Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education for the child care staff member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, did not meet the requirements as listed in number 1 below:

1. Verification of completion of a high school education was not on file.
2. Documentation was incomplete or not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a career-technical program.
3. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is also enrolled in a college credit program in child development or early childhood education.
4. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a Child Development Associate (CDA) training program.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the education verification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

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 numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 15 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/29/2024

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 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 & 2 below:

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

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: #9971918, exp 3/1/25.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from items and conditions which threaten their health, safety and well-being.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the equipment was observed clean and in good repair.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the Infant & Preschool groups.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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	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
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

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
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff followed all required procedures for infant formula, food preparation and food service.

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

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

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