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Center Complaint Inspection Summary 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 Kids Academy of Mt. Vernon	Program Number 2230029232	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 221 Sychar Rd Mount Vernon OH 43050		County KNOX

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) Barbara Smith	Inspection Day 08/05/2025	Begin Time 10:30 AM	End Time 12:05 PM
Reviewer(s) Barbara Smith	Inspection Day 08/15/2025	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 10:35 AM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Arrival
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Arrival
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	Arrival
School age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 7	Arrival

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Complaint Allegations

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.

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision
Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Allegation: The complainant alleged the children were left unattended when a child care staff member fell asleep while supervising children.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number 8 below:

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once.
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended.
4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.
5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.
6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.
7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.
8. Other Child care staff was asleep while supervising children at nap time.

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/17/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior and shall not abuse, endanger or neglect children.

Allegation: The complainant alleged a child care staff member used a prohibited technique when managing unacceptable behavior in children.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a child care staff member had abused, endangered, or neglected a child. Child care staff members, administrators, and owners must always use appropriate guidance and management methods with children and ensure that children are safe at all times. The individual needs to be released from employment immediately.

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Rule 5180:2-12-03 requires the program to notify parents when a serious risk non-compliance is cited. The notification must inform parents of the serious risk non-compliance and include the Department of Children and Youth website and location of further information regarding the determination. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the individual is no longer employed and a copy of the written parent notification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Serious

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/23/2025

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

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

Low Risk Non-Compliances

No Low Additional Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

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