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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		
Program Name Gateway Early Learning Center	Program Number 2240029483	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 5501 Olive Rd. Trotwood OH 45426		County MONTGOMERY

Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
03/27/2025	E	30	5
Fire Inspection Approval Date 02/15/2025	Food Service Risk Level Exempt		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 07/30/2025	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 1:30 PM
Reviewer: Kathryn Koester		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	8	0	3	6

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		3	0	3
Total Under 2 ½ Years	5	6	0	6
Older Toddler		5	0	5
Preschool		8	0	8
School Age		4	0	4
Total Capacity/Enrollment	24	17	0	23

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

Preschool/School Age	5 years to < Kindergarten	1 to 1	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	
Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	0 to 7	This was the other half of the infant/toddler room. When I entered there was not a staff member present on that side of the room.
Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 6	This is the other half of the infant/toddler room.

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

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 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.

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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) 6 below:

1. The [ ] room or space was not approved.
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 infant/toddler room occupancy had been exceeded. 13 children were being cared for in this space that had been approved for 12 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: 09/03/2025

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Finding: During the inspection, a ratio of 1 child care staff member(s) for 6 children was determined to have occurred for the infant group when the situation in number(s) 15 below occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.
2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.
3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.
4. A child care staff member was unable to work.
5. A child was injured in that group.
6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.
7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.
10. Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.
11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.
12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.

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13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.
14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.
15. Other: groups were split and the ratio was not followed for the youngest child in the group

Additional child care staff members must be hired or current child care staff members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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.

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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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number(s) 1 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 [ ].

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.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment and materials that are easy to clean.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one piece of equipment, furnishings, or material at the program (staff chair in the school age classroom) was not constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning as noted in number(s) 1, 2 below:

1. The material had a tear.
2. The material was not washable.
3. The material was porous.
4. The surface was cracked.
5. The surface was repaired, but in a manner that still did not facilitate cleaning.
6. Other [ ].

Equipment, furnishings, and furniture shall be constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning. 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: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 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) 1 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.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training
Code: The program staff is required to have adequate supplies for diapering available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the required supplies were not available for diaper changing as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. There was no disposable separation material;
2. There was no germicidal solution for sanitizing;
3. There were no plastic containers or bags for the storage of soiled clothing;
4. 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: 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 number(s) 5, 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.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements
Code: The program is required to maintain a staff schedule with coverage of the required health trainings.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined the program did not have at least one child care staff member present/scheduled to be present during all hours of operation with currently valid documentation for the training(s) listed in number(s) 1, 4 below:

1. First Aid – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of 7:00am-9:00am and 6:00pm-11:00pm on Friday had expired training
2. First Aid – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] did not have verification of completion of First Aid
3. First Aid – trained child care staff member was not present in each building used by the program.
4. CPR – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of 7:00am-9:00am and 6:00pm-11:00pm on Friday had expired training
5. CPR – child care staff scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had did not have verification of completion of CPR
6. CPR – trained child care staff member was not present in each building used by children
7. CPR – training taken by staff was not appropriate for all ages and developmental levels of the children in care
8. CPR - audiovisual or electronic media training taken by staff did not include an in-person component of the training
9. Communicable Disease – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had expired training
10. Communicable Disease – child care staff scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had not taken Communicable Disease training
11. Communicable Disease – trained child care staff member was not present in each building used by the program
12. Child Abuse – child care staff members scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had expired training
13. Child Abuse – child care staff scheduled during the hours of [ ] and [ ] had not taken Child Abuse training
14. Child Abuse – trained child care staff was not in each building used by the program

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for specific details. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes verification of complete coverage for any training listed, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration
Code: The program is required to have medication, medical foods and topical products labeled with the child's name.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medication, medical food or topical product was at the program which had not been labeled with the child's name. The program was also reminded that topical products must be in their original containers. 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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 February 2026.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The off-site food processing establishment's current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration information was observed during the inspection.

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding orientation training and whistle blower protection were discussed. Technical assistance was provided to the program regarding all staff members completing orientation training as required by rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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

5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding safe environment were discussed. A safe environment was observed in the licensed locations, it cannot be stated that the unlicensed locations of the building are safe for the children observed in those locations who were not part of the licensed program.

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

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding toothbrushing were discussed due to the program operating in the evening hours.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 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
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule

		regarding the program's daily schedule were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-21 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
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals were provided at intervals as required by this rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding infant daily care were discussed. Technical assistance was provided to the program regarding use of the pack and play equipment in an appropriate manner.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	