Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/ . This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name Lower Lights Child Enrichment Center	Program Number 2240029549	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 2323 Sullivant Avenue Columbus OH 43204		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/10/2026	Begin Time 10:05 AM	End Time 3:15 PM	Reviewer: Bradie McAfee

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 8		No. Requirements Compliant 53
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 6	No. Technical Assistance Provided 4

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)		11	0	11
Young Toddler		12	0	12
Total Under 2 ½ Years	39	23	0	23
Older Toddler		3	0	3
Preschool		22	0	22
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	103	25	0	48

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Panda	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	arrival 10:05
Panda	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 5	In Compliance	1:40 nap
Butterfly (EHS)	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	nap 1:40
Butterfly (EHS)	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	Arrival 10:05
Turtle (EHS)	0 to < 12 months	3 to 7	In Compliance	Arrival 10:05
Turtle (EHS)	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	Out of Compliance	out of compliance nap 1:40
Fox (EHS)	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	nap 1:40
Fox (EHS)	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	10:05 Arrival
Frog (PS)	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	In Compliance	1:40 nap
Frog (PS)	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	In Compliance	arrival 10:05
Owl	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 7	In Compliance	1:40 nap
Owl	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 6	In Compliance	arrival 10:05

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, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio

Requirement: 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 Turtle group.

The following was observed:

•Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Requirement: The program staff is required to place the bottle warmer in an area that is not accessible to children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the container used for heating bottles was accessible to children. Relocate the container. Provide 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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Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a copy of the current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration for any off-site food processing establishment they may utilize.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a copy of the off-site food processing establishment's current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration was not on file at the program. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the current registration, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements

Requirement: 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 Toddler group was offered whole meatballs, which was not appropriate for their age. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of the rule. (Infant servings were not but not small enough)

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies

Requirement: The program is required to launder diapers according to manufacturer's guidelines.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not storing or laundering soiled diapers or clothing according to the rule, in that the program did not meet the following condition(s):

• Store soiled disposable diapers in a plastic-lined covered container not easily accessible to

children.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed and updated DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" or equivalent form on file for each child enrolled.

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 DCY 01234 “Child Enrollment Form for Early Care and Education Programs” or equivalent form as required.

The following was observed as missing:

• Complete parent information

• Emergency transportation information

• Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation

Requirement: The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program’s emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed as missing:

• Mental or dental emergencies, including emergency transportation

• Emergency numbers for medical, dental, and transport-related emergencies in addition to

9-1-1.

• A designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated.

• A designated safe site where staff and children can safely relocate and remain evacuated.

• Contact with local emergency management officials.

Make the necessary revisions to the EPRP. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

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The following was observed:
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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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Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not storing or laundering soiled diapers or clothing according to the rule, in that the program did not meet the following condition(s):
• Store soiled disposable diapers in a plastic-lined covered container not easily accessible to children.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records
Requirement:The program is required to have a completed and updated DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" or equivalent form on file for each child enrolled.
Findings:In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment Form for Early Care and Education Programs" or equivalent form as required.
The following was observed as missing:
• Complete parent information
• Emergency transportation information
• Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation
Requirement:
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the program did not ensure the exact product, generic or name brand, was listed on the appropriate documentation as required, however the information listed matched the active ingredients of the product administered. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation

Requirement:The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.

Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement:The program is required to have an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed as missing:

- Mental or dental emergencies, including emergency transportation
- Emergency numbers for medical, dental, and transport-related emergencies in addition to 9-1-1.
- A designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated.
- A designated safe site where staff and children can safely relocate and remain evacuated.
- Contact with local emergency management officials.

Make the necessary revisions to the EPRP. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/10/2026

Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined emergency numbers are not posted in all spaces used by children as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Requirement: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined employment records are missing or incomplete in the OPR as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Requirement: 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.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined staff have not completed health and safety training(s) as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program's policies and procedures are required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's policies and procedures handbook does not contain all items as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	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 2/26/2027.
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	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
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

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 Outdoor Space Requirements	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
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

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
5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule

regarding supervision of children were discussed.

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Not Applicable	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage	Compliant	