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 NorthStar Academy Learning Center	Program Number 2240030412		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 5138 Glencrossing Way Cincinnati OH 45238			County HAMILTON
Building Approval Date 05/09/2024	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 53	Maximum Under 2 ½ 20
Fire Inspection Approval Date 05/21/2024	Food Service Risk Level Exempt		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Pre-license	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/29/2024	Begin Time 10:30 AM	End Time 1:30 PM
Reviewer: Yolonda McIntosh		

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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years		0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment		0	0	0

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

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: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements
Code: The program is required to use the correct vehicle type as specified in rule. The program is also required to have all vehicles used to transport children inspected by an ASE certified mechanic, FMCSA inspector or the State Highway patrol annually, and correct all repairs that are listed on the vehicle inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program used a vehicle to transport children that was not approved and/or did not have a current annual vehicle inspection indicating the vehicle was mechanically safe as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. The program used a converted cargo van or passenger vans designed to carry ten or more passengers. The program must cease the use of this vehicle immediately.
2. The vehicle was not inspected.
3. The vehicle was inspected by someone other than an ASE certified mechanic, federal motor carrier safety administration (FMCSA) safety inspector or the Ohio State Highway Patrol.
4. The vehicle inspection was not updated annually.
5. The vehicle inspection completed from the Ohio Highway Patrol did not meet the rule requirement.
6. The annual safety check of the vehicle(s) used by the program to transport children noted repairs or corrections that had not been completed and/or documented. The safety violations need to be corrected immediately.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes either discontinuing the use of the vehicle, documentation for any new vehicle now being used to transport children, or a copy of the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report for Child Care Centers", to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/05/2024

Low Risk Non-Compliances

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) 1 below:

1. 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
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

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: 10/05/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Code: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number(s) 4 below, were in the restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.
2. There was no toilet paper.
3. There were no paper towels.
4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.
5. The plunger was accessible to the children.
6. The toilet(s) were not flushed.
7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.
8. There was a strong urine odor.
9. Other

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. 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: 10/05/2024

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from trash and foreign objects.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the outdoor play space was not free of trash or foreign objects as noted in number(s) 15 below:

1. The outdoor area was littered with trash.

2. The trash can was missing a lid.
3. The trash can was not emptied from the day(s) before.
4. The trash can was overflowing with trash.
5. The trash can was infested with insects.
6. The trash can was visibly dirty.
7. There was broken glass.
8. There were tall weeds.
9. There was poison ivy.
10. There were tree branches.
11. There was mold visible.
12. There were thistles with prickers.
13. There were bird droppings.
14. The sandbox was contaminated.
15. There was a black mouse trap box on the playground

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/05/2024

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) 1, 2 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: 10/05/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection
Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training. Additionally, the training must be completed before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. Documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016 was not on file.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.
4. A child care staff member will have sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/05/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 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) 4 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/05/2024

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
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

5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	

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
5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

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
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

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
5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

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
5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	

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