Department of Children & Youth

Complaint Inspection Summary 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 River Ferns Fairfield	Program Number 2250031644	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 8750 Holden Blvd Fairfield OH 45014		County BUTLER

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date	Begin Time	End Time	Reviewer:

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 6	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 1		No. Requirements Compliant
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 1	No. Technical Assistance Provided

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Flamingos, Pandas, Frogs, Eagles and Sharks	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 26		Over group size for preschool
Tigers and Gators	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8		
Turtles, Butterflies and Giraffes	0 to < 12 months	2 to 10		

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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 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.

No Allegations were substantiated during this inspection.

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

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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.

No moderate risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size

Requirement: The program is required to maintain the appropriate group size for each group of children served.

Finding: During the inspection, group size limitations were not maintained for the group of preschool and school age children as it was determined there were 26 children grouped together. The group size shall not exceed twice the maximum number of children allowed per Child Care Staff Member. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/21/2026