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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 Montessori Kids Universe Columbus	Program Number 2250031780		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 7474 Sawmill Parkway Powell OH 43065			County FRANKLIN
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 07/29/2025	Food Service Risk Level		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 12/10/2025	Begin Time 10:25 AM	End Time 12:55 PM
Inspection Date 12/10/2025	Begin Time 2:45 PM	End Time 3:40 PM
Reviewer: HEATHER WARES		
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Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
57	8	0	5	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)		10	0	10
Young Toddler		12	0	12
Total Under 2 ½ Years	186	22	0	22
Older Toddler		12	0	12
Preschool		17	0	17
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	186	29	0	51

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Toddler 3	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	
Toddler 3	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	
Toddler 5	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	
Toddler 5	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	
Nido 4	0 to < 12 months	2 to 4	
Nido 4	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	
Nido 2	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	
Nido 2	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	
Children's House 1	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 12	
Children's House 1	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 11	

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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 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: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined the program did not protect children from an unsafe item, condition or equipment noted in number(s) 15 below:

1. Closed ended pull cord(s) on the window blind(s)
2. Extension cord(s); electrical cord(s) attached to an object that could result in a severe injury if pulled.
3. Stacked tables.
4. Folding tables.
5. Matches and/or a lighter.
6. Power tool(s).
7. Live wires.
8. Stove(s) that are either on or able to be turned on by a child.
9. Asbestos.
10. Traffic.
11. A body of water.
12. A well.
13. Environmental hazard(s) confirmed by local authorities having jurisdiction over the hazard.
14. A crockpot used to heat bottles.
15. Immediate access to a knife in Toddler 3 on the side of the sink.
16. Large or heavy pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
17. Other [ ].

Any hazardous equipment must be removed, replaced, or repaired and any hazardous condition must be corrected and must be made inaccessible to children. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the item or condition has been removed and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/09/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 1, 3 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.
2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.
3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.
4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children

until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/09/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans
Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the JFS 01236.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children Records Review, with a condition that requires a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" as noted in number(s) 12, 13, 14 below:

1. No plan was on file.
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2. Child's name was missing.
3. Name of the condition was missing.
4. Indication if medication or medical food is required was missing.
5. Signs, symptoms or situations that require staff to take action were missing.
6. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.
7. Training instructions for procedures for staff to follow were missing or incomplete.
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8. Child's name was missing or not attached.
9. Child's date of birth was missing or not attached.
10. Child's weight was missing or not attached.
11. Name of the medication/medical food was missing or not attached.
12. Dosage of medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.
13. Time for medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.
14. Expiration date for medication/medical food was missing or not attached.
15. Symptoms that require staff to administer medication/medical food were missing or not attached.
16. Specific instructions to administer the medication/medical food were missing or not attached.
17. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing or not attached.
18. Physician's signature was missing or not attached.
19. The date of the physician's signature was missing or not attached.
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20. Child's name was missing.
21. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.
22. Signature of parent granting permission to implement the plan and verifying training was missing.
23. Date of parent signature was missing.
24. Certified Professional Trainer information was missing.

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25. Signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.
26. Date of trainer signature was missing.
27. Printed name(s)of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.
28. Signature(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.
29. Date of staff signature was missing.
30. Administrator/Provider signature was missing
31. Date of administrator/Provider was missing.
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32. Child's name was missing.
33. Name of medication or medical food was missing.
34. Date the medication/medical food was administered was missing.
35. Time medication/medical food was administered was missing.
36. Dosage of medication/medical food that was administered was missing.
37. Signature of person administering medication/medical food was missing.
38. The plan was not followed or implemented.
39. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.
40. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were onsite when a child requiring the plan was present.
41. Child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were not scheduled to be present the entire the time the child requiring the plan was onsite.
42. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 accompanied the child requiring the plan during a trip.
43. A child care staff member who had not been trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 performed the procedure.
44. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/09/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration
Code: The program is required to use the appropriate form and retain current documentation to administer medications. The program is also required to obtain separate documentation for each medication and child, and retain on file each JFS 01217 "Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care" for at least one year. The program is required to administer medication only if it has the prescription label attached or had written instructions from a licensed physician. The program is also required to have each medication to be administered stored in its original container.

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Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirement(s) for administering a medication or medical food or a prescription topical product to a child as noted in number(s) 17 below:

1. The JFS 01217 “Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care” was not on file for a medication, medical food, or prescription topical product that was not required by a JFS 1236 ""Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care"".
2. The child’s name was missing on the JFS 01217.
3. The child’s date of birth was missing on the JFS 01217 and was needed to determine the correct dosage.
4. The child’s weight was missing on the JFS 01217 and was needed to determine the correct dosage.
5. The name of the medication was missing on the JFS 01217.
6. The exact dose was missing on the JFS 01217.
7. The time to administer was missing on the JFS 01217.
8. The time period to administer was missing on the JFS 01217.
9. The medication's expiration date was missing on the JFS 01217.
10. The Parent/Guardian’s dated signature was missing on the JFS 01217.
11. Physician instructions were missing on the JFS 01217.
12. Possible side effects were missing on the JFS 01217.
13. Physician’s dated signature was missing on the JFS 01217.
14. Physician’s phone number was missing on the JFS 01217.
15. Date medication was administered was missing on the JFS 01217.
16. Time medication was administered was missing on the JFS 01217.
17. Dosage administered was missing on the JFS 01217.
18. Staff member’s signature was missing on the JFS 01217.
19. A prescription label was not attached to the prescription medication.
20. The medication or product, [ ], was not brought to the program in its original container.
21. Parent instructions conflict with either the manufacturer or physician instructions.

Submit the program’s corrective action plan, which includes the completed JFS 01217 for each child needed, verification that the prescription label is now attached, and/or verification that the medication or product is now in its original container, and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration
Code: The program staff is required to administer medication following the instructions on the JFS 01217 "Request for Administrator of Medication for Child Care" form or attached prescription label.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had administered medication to a child and the written instructions on the JFS 01217 “Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care” form or attached prescription label were not followed as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Medication had been administered to a child at the center at a different time than directed.

2. Medication was administered to a child for a longer or shorter period of time than directed.
3. The dose administered did not match the dosage required by the manufacturer's directions.
4. The dose administered did not match the dosage required by the written physician's instructions or the prescription label.
5. A child was administered the wrong medication provided to the program for that child.
6. Other: [ ].

Provide training to the staff designated to administer medication that the parent's and physician's instructions on the prescribed form, as well as instructions on the prescription label, must be followed to avoid over or under medicating a child. 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: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 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, 3, 5a 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.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements
Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education for the child care staff member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, did not meet the requirements as listed in number(s) 1 below:

1. Verification of completion of a high school education was not on file.
2. Documentation was incomplete or not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a career-technical program.
3. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is also enrolled in a college credit program in child development or early childhood education.
4. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a Child Development Associate (CDA) training program.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the education verification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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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) 4 below:

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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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Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to use the updated JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" .

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 JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care", as required, for the items in number(s) 2, 4, 6, 10 below.

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list
8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked "yes"
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian's signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. 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 required at this time.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

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: 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
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: EGAR-DF4QXF 3/1/26.

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program provided a clean environment in accordance with Appendix A of this rule, which included the furniture, materials and equipment.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No smoking was allowed on the premises, and the notice

		stating that smoking is prohibited was observed posted in a conspicuous place.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 “Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care” were posted in the program as required.

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

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times.

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

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

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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 License Capacity	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were labeled with the assigned infant's name.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Snacks served at the program included foods from two of the four food groups and provided nutritional value in addition to calories.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sack lunches were stored in insulated bags.

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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
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant room(s).

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	