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 Columbus Child Care	Program Number 2260033805	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1302 W Mound St columbus OH 43223		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/06/2026	Begin Time 9:50 AM	End Time 1:20 PM	Reviewer: STEPHANIE WALTERS

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 11		No. Requirements Compliant 49
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 12	No. Technical Assistance Provided 5

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)		6	0	6
Young Toddler		1	0	1
Total Under 2 ½ Years	24	7	0	7
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		10	0	10
School Age		0	15	15
Total Capacity/Enrollment	49	12	15	34

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	In Compliance	12:30
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 1	In Compliance	9:50
Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	12:30- Mixed age, OT, PS, SA
Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 3	In Compliance	9:50, 1 OT, 1 PS, 1 SA in 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, 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: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a DCY 01176 or preliminary approval from DCY 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.

The following was observed:

*The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.

*The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children or otherwise have access to children and preliminary approval from DCY was not on file.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the DCY 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: 11/05/2026

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 Attendance Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule.

The following was observed:

- The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times.
- The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

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

Requirement: The program is required to post the current weekly menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement .

The following was observed:

* The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents

* The menu was not currently dated

* The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: The program is required to provide cribs with mattresses in good condition and sheets that are not too large or too small for the crib.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets, mattresses and/or mattress covers did not meet the rule requirement.

The following was observed: At least one sheet was too large.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: 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.

The following was observed: the barrier was inadequate. (Crib used instead of a gate)

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care

Requirement: The program is required to provide a daily written record for each infant in care to the parents when picking up the infant each day.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the written record used to document infant routines and activities did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed:

* Food intake was missing

* Sleeping patterns was missing

* Information about daily activities was missing

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

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

Requirement: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information.

The following was observed: written instructions were not on file.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: The program is required to label all cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one crib was not labeled with the child's name, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide evidence of tuberculosis (TB) screening prior to the first day of employment.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the tuberculosis (TB) screening for 2 of 6 employees, including child care staff members, did not meet the requirement.

The following was observed: a TB screening was not on file prior to the first day of employment

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Requirement: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training.

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.

The following was observed: The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a 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: 11/05/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide immunization records.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the immunization records for 1 of 6 employees, including child care staff members, did not meet the requirement.

The following was observed: the immunization records were not on file within the first thirty days from start of employment

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Requirement: 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.

The following was observed: verification of completion of a high school education was not on file.

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

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: emergency transportation information

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/05/2026

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: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule

Requirement: The program is required to have the daily program schedule posted in all required areas.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not have all daily schedules posted 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: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills

Requirement: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined drills are not conducted or are not correctly documented. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Requirement: The program is required to have all the required items in the first aid kit.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's first aid kit did not contain appropriate materials 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.

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a staff schedule with coverage of the required health trainings.

Findings: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.

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
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	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 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: 0044030 3/1/27.
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
5180:2-12-05 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
5180:2-12-10 Health Training 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

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was not observed due to weather conditions.

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	Not Applicable	

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: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from items and conditions which threaten their health, safety and well-being.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The environment, furniture, materials, and equipment were kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Not Applicable	

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health 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 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
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	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
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	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 Postings	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 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
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	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 Documentation	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	