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 KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTER #153	Program Number 000000400998	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 4560 DERR ROAD SPRINGFIELD OH 45503		County CLARK

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 04/15/2026	Begin Time 9:45 AM	End Time 1:50 PM	Reviewer: Bradie McAfee

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 13	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 8		No. Requirements Compliant 5
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 3	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 5	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

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		11	0	11
Total Under 2 ½ Years	31	22	0	22
Older Toddler		3	0	3
Preschool		30	0	30
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	100	33	0	55

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	Arrival 9:45
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	In Compliance	Arrival 9:45
Discovery Preschool	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 10	In Compliance	Arrival 9:45
Discovery Preschool	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 9	Out of Compliance	Out of Compliance Arrival 9:45 Teacher left group to chase a child who left group on a different playground
MAG	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 16	In Compliance	

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.

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection

Requirement: The program is required to have all spaces used for child care inspected by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office prior to serving children. The program is required to obtain a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection. If violations are noted during the inspection, the program is required to have all violations corrected and have the program re-inspected to obtain a completed fire form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for fire inspection as noted in number 1 below:

1. The program did not have documentation on file for a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection and the request for the new inspection was not made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the previous fire inspection.

2. The documentation for the most recent fire inspection contained violations that had not been corrected.

3. The [ ] space was being used and had not been approved by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office for child care.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes an updated fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/16/2026

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 9 children was determined to have occurred for the Discovery Preschool group when the situation in number 15 below occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.

2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.

3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.

4. A child care staff member was unable to work.

5. A child was injured in that group.

6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.

7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.

8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.

9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.

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

11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.

12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.

13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.

14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.

15. Other: A child left the group to go to another playground and the teacher left the group to get them.

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: 05/16/2026

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 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 1 and 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: 05/16/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in numbers 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.

2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.

3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.

4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.

5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.

6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.

7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.

8. Other: [ ]

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/16/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Requirement: 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 numbers 1 and 5bc 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: 05/16/2026

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 as listed in number 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/16/2026

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.

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 numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 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.
7. The CPR organization used is not accepted by The Department of Children and Youth. (Not a hands-on course)

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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Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans

Requirement: The program is required to ensure that there is at least one child care staff member who has signed the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" caring for the child at all times when a child with a health condition is present.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined a child with a condition that required a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" had been present and the program did not ensure there was at least one child care staff member caring for the child at all times who had signed the JFS 01236 on the child's condition. 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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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.

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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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Not Verified	

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 Food Service Requirements	Not Verified	

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

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 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance and Behavior Management	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Not Verified	