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 Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/01/2026	Begin Time 9:50 AM	End Time 2:50 PM	Reviewer: Bradie McAfee

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 15		No. Requirements Compliant 46
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 15	No. Technical Assistance Provided 3

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		13	0	13
Total Under 2 ½ Years	31	24	0	24
Older Toddler		5	0	5
Preschool		24	0	24
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	100	29	0	53

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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	nap 1:30
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	Arriva 9:50
Toddler	0 to < 12 months	1 to 9	In Compliance	1:30 nap
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	Arrival 9:50
Discovery Preschool	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 8	In Compliance	nap 1:30
Discovery Preschool	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	arrival 9:50
MAG	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	In Compliance	arrival 9:50
MAG	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 13	In Compliance	nap

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.
- Other: Employee was rehired and new background check was not requested.

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: 10/31/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

Requirement: The rule requires the program to keep their information current in the Ohio statewide licensing system.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that information was not up to date in the Ohio statewide licensing system.

The following information was not current:

- Private pay rates

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to respond to noncompliances by the date noted in the inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 04/15/2026. The rule requires the program to complete and submit a corrective action plan in the Ohio statewide licensing system to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions were in the MAG restroom:

The following was observed:

• Other: Plunger and Toilet Cleaning Brush.

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirement of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff and children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as required in rule.

The following was observed:

• At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after each diaper change or pull-up change.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the required drills were not completed.

The following was observed as not being complete:

• Monthly fire drills.

• Monthly weather emergency drills (March through September).

• Emergency/lockdown drills in each quarter of the calendar year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member did not meet the annual professional development requirement.

The following was observed:

• The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

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.

The following was observed:

• The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired

• The first aid training was expired

• 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: 10/31/2026

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 9 of 14 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: 10/31/2026

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 7 of 14 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: 10/31/2026

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.

The following was observed:

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

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

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation

Requirement: The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have complete child immunization records on file.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that complete child immunization records were not on file, as required, for children listed on the DCY Children's Record Review for Child Care.

The following was observed:

• Immunization record(s) were not on file at the center within thirty days of the child's first day of attendance

• Immunization record(s) were not updated no more than every thirteen months.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

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:

• Additional information for all boxes checked "yes"

• Emergency transportation information

• Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator

• Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator

• Other: Use updated DCY1234.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation

Requirement: The program is required to have medication, medical foods and topical products labeled with the child's name.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medication, medical food or topical product was at the program which had not been labeled with the child's name. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to train child care staff members and employees on the EPRP annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually.

The following was observed:

• Child care staff members and employees were not trained annually.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/31/2026

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: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined emergency numbers are not posted in all spaces used by children 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. (Add area code)

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: 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 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 05/26/27.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

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	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	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
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
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding caring for children with a specific health condition were discussed.

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 Ratio	Compliant	

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 Supervision	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 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
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	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
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	

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 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 - Safe Environment and Practices	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 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
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	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