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Center Complaint Inspection Summary 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 A Step Above Daycare Academy	Program Number 2180016960	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 10320 Lorain Ave cleveland OH 44111		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) Akeea Nelson	Inspection Day 10/27/2025	Begin Time 11:30 AM	End Time 1:00 PM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	Arrival Ratio
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 14	Arrival Ratio-Lunch time/Naptime
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 13	Arrival Ratio-Naptime

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Complaint Allegations

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-03 and 5101:2-13-03 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.

Domain:05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting
Code: The program is required to complete the JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report" for injuries and incidents at the program, provide a copy to the person who picks the child up on the day of the incident, and retain a copy of the form onsite at the program for one year.

Allegation: It was alleged that the JFS 01299 was not completed when a child received an injury, and the parent did not receive a copy on the day of the incident.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: In review of the records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for completing a JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report" as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. The JFS 01299 was not completed when a child became ill or received an injury which required first aid treatment.
2.The JFS 01299 was not completed when a child was transported to a source for emergency assistance.
3. The JFS 01299 was not completed when a child received a bump or blow to the head.
4. The JFS 01299 was not completed when an unusual or unexpected incident which jeopardized the safety of a child or employee of a program.
5. The parent or a person picking up the child did not receive the JFS 01299 on the day of the incident.
6. The program information (program name, number, address) was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
7. Child's name was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
8. Child's birthdate was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
9. Name of person(s) responsible for the child at the time of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
10. Number of children present in the group at the time of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
11. Date and/or time of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
12. Whether or not parents were contacted was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
13. Complete summary of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
14. Accurate summary of the incident was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
15. Name and/or signature of the person completing the form was incomplete on the JFS 01299.
16. The JFS 01299 was not kept on file at the program for at least one year.
17. 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 not required at this time.

Risk Level: Low

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that are a potential suffocation risk from cribs.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object that created a potential strangulation or suffocation risk, as indicated in number(s) 5, below:

1. Bib
2. Pacifier clip/ribbon
3. Teething jewelry
4. Blanket for infant under twelve months old
5. Pillow
6. Boppie
7. Bumper pad
8. Clothing stored in the crib
9. Diaper bag
10. Object or toy strung over the crib in which a child can pull himself up
11. Stuffed animal that is large/soft enough to conform to the shape of the child's face
12. Other [ ]

The rule prohibits any item which obstructs child-care staff's visibility or poses a risk of strangulation or suffocation from being placed on or in a crib. Remove the item(s) immediately. 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: 11/26/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

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Code: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the center for a period of one year.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number(s) 2 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.
2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.
3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.
4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.
5. The record did not include the assigned group.
6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.
7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.
8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2025

Domain:05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting
Code: The program is required to submit notification of a serious incident in OCLQS by the next business day.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Serious Incident was not reported in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS), as required, by the program administrator or designee for an incident(s) as listed in number(s) 1, 4 below:

1. An incident, injury or illness that required professional medical consultation or treatment.
2. An unusual or unexpected incident which jeopardizes the safety of a child, child care staff member or employee of the program.
3. An incident defined as a serious risk non-compliance in appendix A to rule 5101:2-12-03 of the Administrative Code.
4. The program did not submit the report in OCLQS by the next business day as required by rule.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the program administrator or designee has completed the Serious Incident Report in OCLQS, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2025

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that obstruct the staff's view of the infant from cribs.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object which could obstruct a child care staff member's view of the infant, but is not likely to create a potential suffocation risk, as indicated in number(s) 3 below:

1. Busy box or other toy attached to the side of the crib.
2. A blanket hanging over the side of the crib.
3. Stuffed animal that is not large/soft enough that it could conform to the shape of the child's face.
4. Other.

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: 11/26/2025

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: 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.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets, mattresses and/or mattress covers did not meet the rule requirement as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. At least one crib did not have a sheet.
2. At least one sheet was too large.
3. At least one sheet was too small.
4. At least one sheet was torn.
5. The mattress was not at least one and one-half inches thick.
6. The mattress was not firm.
7. There was space between the mattress and the sides and end panels of the crib which exceeded one and one-half inches.
8. The mattress cover was not waterproof.
9. The mattress cover was torn.
10. Other: [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2025

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care
Code: The program staff is required to hold infants or have the infant sitting up while feeding. The program staff may not place an infant in a crib with a bottle.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not meet the requirements for bottle feeding as noted in number(s) 1, 3 below:

1. A bottle was propped for an infant feeding.
2. An infant was placed in a crib with a bottle.
3. An infant was not held or fed sitting up for bottle feedings.

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