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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 | | | |
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| Program Name<br>The Way Child Care Center | Program Number<br>2230028638 | | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>5555 Wierwille Rd New Knoxville<br>OH<br>45871 | | | County<br>SHELBY |
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| Building Approval Date<br>07/01/2023 | Use Group/Code | Occupancy Limit<br>51 | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date<br>07/24/2025 | Food Service Risk Level<br>Exempt | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Annual | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>10/30/2025 | Begin Time<br>8:45 AM | End Time<br>11:30 AM |
| Reviewer:<br>Rita Campbell | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified | No. Rules with Non-compliances | No. Serious Risk | No. Moderate Risk | No. Low Risk |
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| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
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| Age Group | License Capacity | Enrollment | | |
| | Totals | Full Time | Part Time | Total |
| Infant ( Birth to < 18 m) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Young Toddler | | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| **Total Under 2 ½ Years** | 37 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Older Toddler | | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Preschool | | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| School Age | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Capacity/Enrollment** | 43 | 0 | 7 | 10 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Comment** |

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| Toddlers | | 2 to 4 | |
| Toddlers | | 2 to 4 | |
| Preschool | | 2 to 4 | |
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## 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

**No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection**

### Low Risk Non-Compliances

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**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

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 6 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 [ ]

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2025

## Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Posted | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS). |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 7-24-26 |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program has obtained a food service exemption status from the local health department. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Employment records for current as well as past employees were being maintained on file as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The administrator's hours of availability to meet with parents were posted in a noticeable location. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program. |

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| 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. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: 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. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training. |

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| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding separation of children under two and one half years of age were discussed. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was not observed due to weather conditions however, the quarterly playground inspections were on file, as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 10-29-25 |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of trees. |

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

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All equipment in the outdoor play space was observed to be anchored and stable. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All equipment was observed to be properly placed out of the path of the main traffic pattern. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was pea gravel |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All electrical outlets were covered with safety receptacles. |
| 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: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The indoor temperature of the program during the inspection was comfortable and met rule compliance. |

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| 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. |

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| 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 |
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| 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. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program uses the ODJFS sample trip permission form for routine/field trips to secure written permission from parents or guardians. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The form(s) used by the program for routine and/or field trips were verified to meet the requirements of the rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, developmentally-appropriate practices were observed in the classroom(s). |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding daily outdoor play were discussed. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required. |
| 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 |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed meeting the basic needs of all children assigned to the group. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed. |

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

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Posted menus were current and dated. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The food served at snack time to the toddlers was developmentally appropriate and did not pose a choking hazard. |
| 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: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Snacks were provided at intervals as required by this rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Food was stored in a safe and sanitary manner. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding fluid milk were discussed. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Appropriate toddler diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection. |