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 Early Learning Centers - South Side	Program Number 2240030069	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 280 Reeb Ave Columbus OH 43207		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 02/05/2026	Begin Time 7:15 AM	End Time 5:30 PM	Reviewer: BEVERLY JAMES

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 54	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 9		No. Requirements Compliant 40
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 9	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)		5	0	5
Young Toddler		5	0	5
Total Under 2 ½ Years	215	10	0	10
Older Toddler		6	0	6
Preschool		43	0	43
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	215	49	0	59

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Rm 166	Mixed Age Group	1 to 3	In Compliance	Lunch 12:15pm
Rm 166	Mixed Age Group	1 to 3	In Compliance	10:20 am
Rm 173	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	Arrival 8:10 am
Rm 173	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 18	In Compliance	Lunch 12:05 pm
Rm 171	Mixed Age Group	2 to 5	In Compliance	Lunch 12:15 pm
Rm 171	Mixed Age Group	1 to 2	In Compliance	Arrival Rm 166 and 171 combined 8:10 am
Rm 178	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	Arrival 8:10 am
Rm 178	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 19	In Compliance	Lunch 12:05 pm
Rm 180	Mixed Age Group	2 to 4	In Compliance	Arrival 8:10 am
Rm 180	Mixed Age Group	2 to 6	In Compliance	Lunch 12:05 am

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: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to obtain and maintain a valid food license if they prepare and/or serve food. The program is required to correct any food service violations to maintain their food service license.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program failed to obtain or maintain a valid food service license as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. The program was unable to obtain the food service license due to violations.

2. The program was unable to maintain the food service license due to violations.

3. The program prepared and/or served food without obtaining a valid food service license. The local health department must be contacted so the health official may determine whether the program meets exemption status, or whether the program needs a food service license. (In process.)

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the food service license or exemption status, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/30/2026

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 OCLQS.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the information in number(s) 7 below was not up to date in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS):

1. Mailing address

2. Telephone number

3. Email address

4. Days and hours of operation

5. Services offered

6. Name of program

7. Private pay rates

Technical assistance was provided, and as discussed, log on to OCLQS and update the information, as required.

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection

Requirement: The program is required to obtain a fire inspection within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not been inspected by the local fire department or local fire safety inspector and secured documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, as required. 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. (Program was closed for a week due to a building emergency related to weather. During that time the fire inspector tried to complete the annual inspection but was unable to as the program was closed.)

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/11/2026

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 as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. There was no method in place;

2. The method did not include each child's name;

3. The method did not include each child's date of birth;

4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times;

5. The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group. (Attendance for Rm 166 was not with group in Rm171 at arrival.)

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/11/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Requirement: 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.

Finding: 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. (Room 166)

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: 03/11/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to refrain from placing indoor swings, slides, climbers, and climbing apparatus directly over a hard surface. Shock absorbent protective covering, intended to be a fall surface per manufacturer's guidelines, shall be placed and used under the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that indoor swings, slides, climbers, and climbing apparatus did not have required shock absorbent protective covering under and around the equipment as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. A shock absorbent protective covering was not under and around the equipment. (The covering at the bottom of slide did not cover the whole area of the equipment.)

2. The mats were not at least one and one-half inches thick for equipment over three feet high.

3. The mats were not used according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

4. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/11/2026

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 as noted in number(s) 1 below:

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

2. Documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule.

3. Training topic did not meet the requirements listed in appendix A of this rule.

4. Documentation of training did not meet the requirements of this rule.

5. The substitute(s) had been used more than ninety days annually between July first and June thirtieth and had not completed at least six hours of professional development

6. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/11/2026

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 number(s) 2,3,4,5,6 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.

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: 03/11/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

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

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a complete JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file for any child having a health condition.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined that the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) [ ] below:

1. The JFS 01236 had not been updated as needed and at least annually.

2. A separate JFS 01236 had not been used for each condition.

3. The program used an old version of the JFS 01236.

4. Administrator signature not a physical or electronic digitally secured signature.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/11/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Requirement: The program is required to remove all medication, medical foods and topical products that are no longer being administered or have expired. The program is also required to maintain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that medication, medical foods and/or topical products did not meet the requirement(s) for administering medication, medical foods, and/or medical products as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. The medication, medical food, or topical product was no longer needed and had not been removed from the program.

2. The medication, medical food, or topical product had expired and had not been removed from the program.

3. The prescription label had expired.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/11/2026

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.

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Previously Verified	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Previously Verified	Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements. 6/27/24

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	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 Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Previously Verified	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.6/27/24

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	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
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.

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 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was not observed due to weather conditions however, the quarterly playground inspections were discussed

		and documentation was on file, as required. 11/15/25.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play space and equipment were not viewed during this inspection due to snow covering.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: The protective surfaces under the outdoor equipment were not viewed during this inspection due to snow covering.

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 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	

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
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

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
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	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
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	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
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	