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Family Child Care 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		
Program Name Thorn's Childcare	Program Number 2240031050	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 336 Hill Avenue Steubenville OH 43952		County JEFFERSON

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Pre-license	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Announced
Inspection Date 11/14/2024	Begin Time 3:00 PM	End Time 5:40 PM
Reviewer: Kristal Singleton		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
68	8	0	1	8

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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 Years		0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment		0	0	0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Thorn's Childcare		1 to 0	No children enrolled or present.

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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 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.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-11 Fall Zone
Code: The program is required to have an adequate fall surface on the outdoor playground.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the playground did not have adequate fall surface under and around equipment as noted in the following number 2 below:

1. No fall surface
2. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall
3. Other [ ]

Any equipment designed for climbing, swinging, bouncing, or sliding needs a fall zone of protective material resilient under and around the equipment in order to protect children in the event of a fall. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes written verification of the discontinued use of this equipment until corrections are made along with a description of the resilient material added, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to provide an environment that protects the children in care from any items and conditions that may threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Findings: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well being. During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from the following item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well being as noted in the following number 9, and 22 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.
2. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
3. Toys or other items small enough to be swallowed were present in the space where infants and/or toddlers were in care.
4. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs.
6. Telephone cords.
7. Employee(s) purse(s).
8. Diaper bags.
9. Television not securely anchored.
10. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
11. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
12. Chipping or peeling paint.
13. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
14. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
15. A floor surface was unsafe in that [ ].
16. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet.
17. The platform provided for the sink or toilet was not sturdy.
18. The platform provided for the sink or toilet posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following furniture in that [ ].
20. A mercury thermometer was being used to take a child's temperature.
21. Methods of ventilation used did not provide protection from rodents, insects, or other hazards.
22. Other, anchoring of the shelving unit in the kitchen and coffee station shelving.

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

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Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Pets

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Code: The program is required to properly care for pets and prevent any threat to the safety or health of the children by the pet.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined pets at the program were not properly housed or cared for or posed a threat to the safety or health of the children as noted in number 5, 6 below:

1. The animal's cage was dirty with feces.
2. The aquarium was unclean.
3. The litter box was dirty with feces.
4. A pet posed a threat to the safety of a child in that [ ].
5. A pet requiring a license did not have a current license.
6. Proper inoculation records were not on file at the program for a pet requiring inoculations.
7. Children were exposed to the pet's urine and/or feces.
8. Other [ ].

A pet that poses a threat to the children shall not be at the program. All pets at the program must receive proper care and housing. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan
Code: The program is required to post the completed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan for Child Care" and implement as required by rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the requirements for the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental and General Emergency Plan" were not followed as noted in numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 below:

1. The plan was not posted on each level of the home used for child care.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the program were not complete.
3. The location of the first aid kit, fire extinguisher and fire alarm system, fire alarm pull stations and electrical circuit box were not complete.
4. The telephone number for emergency squad, fire department hospital, poison control program, public children services agency, local health department, local emergency management agency and police department were not complete.
5. Location of children's records was not complete.
6. Emergency information including any medications or supplies needed i the event of an evacuation was not complete.
7. The current version of the prescribed form was not used.
8. The plan was not implemented when necessary in that [ ].

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Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan
Code: The program is required to post the completed JFS 01201 "Dental First Aid" and implement as required by rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the JFS 01201 "Dental First Aid" was not completed and posted on each level used for care. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

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Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe as noted in the number 9, 13, 14, 16, 17 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There was protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards including the front entrance sidewalk being uneven and the step down area into the lower play area posed as a tripping hazard.
10. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
11. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not developmentally appropriate.
12. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
13. Outdoor play equipment, large swing set, was positioned too closely to the fence, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
14. Outdoor equipment, the large swing set and small plastic swing was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent
danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
15. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a
protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.
16. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the big swing set as it is placed on unlevel ground.
17. Other, sandcastle did not appear intact and potentially unsafe.

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions
Code: The program is required to meet the requirements for first aid kits.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not have a first aid kit [onsite/ on the vehicle/ on a field trip] as required, that included all items listed in the appendix A of the rule. The kit(s) were missing the item(s) or the item(s) were not replaced after use and/or expired listed in numbers 9,11,13,& 14 below:

1. One roll of first-aid tape;
2. Individually wrapped sterile gauze;
squares in assorted sizes;
3. Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes;
4.Tweezers;
5. Gauze rolled bandage;
6. Triangular bandage;
7. Rounded end scissors;
8. Tooth preservation system or fresh chilled liquid milk in which to transport a lost permanent tooth, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where milk is stored if a tooth preservation system is not part of the first aid kit (for programs serving school age children only);
9. A working digital thermometer;
10. Disposable non-latex gloves;
11. A working flashlight;
12. An instant cold pack that has not been activated or ice, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where the ice is stored if an instant cold pack is not part of the first aid kit;
13. Sealable leak-proof plastic bags in assorted sizes or double bagged plastic bags that can be securely tied for materials soiled with blood or bodily fluids;
14. Pocket mask or face shield, appropriate; for all ages of children in care, for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administration;
15. Soap or waterless sanitizer (field trip or transporting away from the program only);
16. Bottled water (field trip or transporting away from the program only).

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-13-14 Driver Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all drivers be an employee or child care staff member of the program, a public transportation driver, or employed by a contracted transportation service company and retain a copy of all licenses for drivers employed by the program. Only a child care staff member or employee may transport children without the provider present, except parents may transport children for field trips.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the requirements for drivers was not met as listed in number 2 below:

1. The driver(s) noted on the Employee Record Chart used for trips did not have a copy of a current driver's license on file.
2. At least one employee or child care staff member who is responsible for transporting children did not have documentation of completion of the prescribed driver training on file.
3. The driver used to transport children was not an employee or child care staff member of the program, a public transportation driver, or employed by a company contracted to provide transportation service.
4. The driver who was not a child care staff member or employee who is used in accordance with the requirements in rule 5101:2-13-08 transported children without the provider present.

Remove this individual from transporting children until the requirements are met. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-07 Staff Records
Code: The provider is required to maintain current employee, child care staff members and resident records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number 2, 9, 11 below:
1. The provider had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.
2. The provider had not created or updated the program's organizational dashboard in the OPR.
3. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.
4. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created an employment record in the OPR for the program on or before the first day of employment, including date of hire.
5. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles in the OPR within five calendar days of the change.
6. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's scheduled days and hours changed.
7. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's group assignments changed, if applicable.

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8. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated with the employment end date within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member ended employment.
9. At least one resident over the age of eighteen had not created a profile and employment record for the family child care provider within five days of becoming a resident or turning eighteen.
10. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five calendar days of a change in residency for at least one resident over the age of eighteen.
11.Other: No groups or schedules found in the ERC.
Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Building Requirements for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Health Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5101:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Programming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	