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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			
Program Name Almira Early Learning Center	Program Number 2180017026		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 9800 Almira Avenue Cleveland OH 44102			County CUYAHOGA
Building Approval Date 04/01/2020	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 45	Maximum Under 2 ½ 23
Fire Inspection Approval Date 03/08/2024	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/03/2024	Begin Time 8:55 AM	End Time 11:40 AM
Reviewer: Tamela Green		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	10	0	0	10

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		3	0	3
Total Under 2 ½ Years	18	8	0	8
Older Toddler		1	0	1
Preschool		8	0	8
School Age		0	19	19
Total Capacity/Enrollment	42	9	19	36

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

school age	School-Age to < 11 years	0 to 0	at lunch no school
preschool/school age	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 4	at arrival 3 preschoolers 1 school age
toddler	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 5	infants and toddlers combined
toddler	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 5	at lunch combined infants
preschool	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 4	at lunch

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

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment
Code: The program is required to use equipment, that is safe and hazard free, according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Fans, air conditioners, heat pumps, and space heaters must be inaccessible to children. The program is required to refrain from using trampolines, ball pits and inflatable equipment intended for climbing and bouncing, including but not limited to slides and bounce houses.

Finding: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [ ] were not followed in that [ ].
2. The straps were missing on the [ ].
3. The straps were attached, but were not used on the u shaped table.
4. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
5. The equipment had sharp points or corners.
6. The equipment had splinters.
7. The equipment had protruding nails.
8. The equipment had loose or rusty parts.
9. The equipment had paint which contains lead or other poisonous materials.
10. The equipment had hazardous features.
11. A fan was unstable and could easily tip over.
12. A fan had openings a finger could enter.
13. The pipes from the heat pump felt hot to the touch
14. A space heater felt hot to the touch
15. The position of a space heater was a tripping hazard
16. The air conditioning unit was not enclosed and was accessible to children on the playground.
17. A ball pit, trampoline, inflatable bounce house, inflatable slide, or inflatable equipment used for climbing and bouncing was used.
18. Other [ ].

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: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment and materials that are easy to clean.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one piece of equipment, furnishings, or material at the program was not constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The material had a tear. changing mat.
2. The material was not washable.
3. The material was porous.
4. The surface was cracked.
5. The surface was repaired, but in a manner that still did not facilitate cleaning.
6. Other [ ].

Equipment, furnishings, and furniture shall be constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning. 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.

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from trash and foreign objects.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the outdoor play space was not free of trash or foreign objects as noted in number(s)8 below:

1. The outdoor area was littered with trash.
2. The trash can was missing a lid.
3. The trash can was not emptied from the day(s) before.
4. The trash can was overflowing with trash.
5. The trash can was infested with insects.
6. The trash can was visibly dirty.
7. There was broken glass.
8. There were tall weeds.
9. There was poison ivy.
10. There were tree branches.
11. There was mold visible.
12. There were thistles with prickers.
13. There were bird droppings.
14. The sandbox was contaminated.
15. Other [ ].

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements
Code: The program is required to serve age-appropriate fluid milk or obtain written documentation when serving substitutions for fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that required documentation for substitutions for fluid milk was not on file as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants up to 12 months of age are served anything other than formula or breast milk.
2. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants and toddlers 12 months of age up to 24 months of age are served anything other than unflavored whole homogenized vitamin D fortified cow's milk, breast milk, or non-cow milk substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to milk.
3. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when toddlers and children 24 months of age and older are served anything other than unflavored one per cent milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, unflavored fat free or skim milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, or non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk.
4. Written parental consent for non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk for children 12 months of age and older.
5. The program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk.

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.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
Code: The program staff is required to label bottles containing formula or breast milk.

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Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that bottles containing [breast milk/formula] for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and date of preparation. 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.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements
Code: 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.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements
Code: 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 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.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 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(s) 4,6 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 [ ]

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.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans
Code: 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) 1 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.

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

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Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan
Code: The program is required to have a written disaster plan.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program’s written disaster plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information in number(s) 11.12 below:

Procedures:
1. The written disaster plan had not been completed
2. The plan was not provided to all child care staff and employees
3. The plan was not used to respond to an emergency or disaster situation
4. Weather emergencies and natural disasters which include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, major snowfall, blizzards, ice storms or earthquakes
5. Emergency outdoor and indoor lockdown or evacuation due to threats of violence which includes active shooter, bioterrorism or terrorism
6. Emergency or disaster evacuations due to hazardous materials and spills, gas leaks or bomb threats.
7. Outbreaks, epidemics or other infectious disease emergencies
8. Loss of power, water, or heat
9. Other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the program
Details:

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10. Shelter in place or evacuation, how the program will care for and account for the children until they can be reunited with the parent
11. A designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated.
12. Assisting infants, toddlers and children with special needs and/or health conditions
13. Emergency contact information for parents and the program
14. Procedures for notifying and communicating with parents regarding the location of the children if evacuated
15. Procedures for communicating with parents during loss of communications, no phone or internet service available
16. The location of supplies and procedures for gathering necessary supplies for staff and children if required to shelter in place
17. What to do if a disaster occurs during the transport of children or when on a field trip or routine trip
18. Making the plan available to all child care staff members and employees
19. Training of staff or reassignment of staff duties as appropriate
20. Updating the plan on a yearly basis
21. Contact with local emergency management officials

Make the necessary revisions to the disaster plan. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, 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
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 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 3/8/205.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: BUD-D3PNGX 3/1/2025.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator's hours of availability to meet with parents were posted in a noticeable location.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-09 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
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was wood chips

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The driver(s) had current and valid training in first aid,

		management of communicable disease, and CPR.
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program uses the ODJFS sample trip permission form for routine trips to secure written permission from parents or guardians.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The driver(s) had completed the required ODJFS driver training.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, [was/were] verified and dated 12/15/2023 vin 1195305.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed assisting children throughout the day.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were placed 2 feet apart.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program served the following: ravioli with cheese, carrots, oranges, cracker's , milk.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The menu posted reflected the meal served.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant/toddler room(s).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.