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 Almira Early Learning Center	Program Number 2180017026	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 9800 Almira Avenue Cleveland OH 44102		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 04/27/2026	Begin Time 8:55 AM	End Time 9:50 AM	Reviewer: Brittani Aloi

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 14	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant 7
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	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)		8	0	8
Young Toddler		4	0	4
Total Under 2 ½ Years	18	12	0	12
Older Toddler		7	0	7
Preschool		23	0	23
School Age		0	30	30
Total Capacity/Enrollment	42	30	30	72

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	In Compliance	9:00AM
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	9:00AM
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	In Compliance	9:00AM
School age	School-Age to < 11 years	0 to 0	In Compliance	

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: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 1, 2 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.

2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.

3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.

4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/27/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

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

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the JFS 01236.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children Records Review, with a condition that requires a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" as noted in number(s) 39 below:

1. No plan was on file.

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2. Child's name was missing.

3. Name of the condition was missing.

4. Indication if medication or medical food is required was missing.

5. Signs, symptoms or situations that require staff to take action were missing.

6. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.

7. Training instructions for procedures for staff to follow were missing or incomplete.

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8. Child's name was missing or not attached.

9. Child's date of birth was missing or not attached.

10. Child's weight was missing or not attached.

11. Name of the medication/medical food was missing or not attached.

12. Dosage of medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.

13. Time for medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.

14. Expiration date for medication/medical food was missing or not attached.

15. Symptoms that require staff to administer medication/medical food were missing or not attached.

16. Specific instructions to administer the medication/medical food were missing or not attached.

17. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing or not attached.

18. Physician's signature was missing or not attached.

19. The date of the physician's signature was missing or not attached.

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20. Child's name was missing.

21. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.

22. Signature of parent granting permission to implement the plan and verifying training was missing.

23. Date of parent signature was missing.

24. Certified Professional Trainer information was missing.

25. Signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.

26. Date of trainer signature was missing.

27. Printed name(s)of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.

28. Signature(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.

29. Date of staff signature was missing.

30. Administrator/Provider signature was missing

31. Date of administrator/Provider was missing.

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32. Child's name was missing.

33. Name of medication or medical food was missing.

34. Date the medication/medical food was administered was missing.

35. Time medication/medical food was administered was missing.

36. Dosage of medication/medical food that was administered was missing.

37. Signature of person administering medication/medical food was missing.

38. The plan was not followed or implemented.

39. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.

40. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were onsite when a child requiring the plan was present.

41. Child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were not scheduled to be present the entire the time the child requiring the plan was onsite.

42. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 accompanied the child requiring the plan during a trip.

43. A child care staff member who had not been trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 performed the procedure.

44. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/27/2026

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to store chemicals and cleaning and sanitizing supplies in a place that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and chemical substances must be stored in their original container or clearly labeled. School-age children may use cleaning supplies and equipment with adult supervision.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous substance, which was determined to not present a serious risk to a child, was not used or stored properly as noted in number(s) 15 below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children in the [ ] area.

2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children in the [ ] area.

3. Fish food was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

4. Hand lotion was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

5. Hand sanitizer (for children under 24 months) was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

6. Laundry detergent was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

7. Powder dish washing soap was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

8. Paint cans were accessible to children in the [ ] area.

9. White out was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

10. Potting Soil was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

11. Other potentially hazardous substance [ ] was accessible to children in the [ ] area.

12. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies had not been clearly labeled.

13. School-age children were using cleaning supplies, agents and/or equipment without adult supervision.

14. A spray aerosol was used in the [ ] group while children were in attendance.

15. Other: Plug in air freshener in Toddler restroom.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/27/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to follow the cleaning schedule for equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not providing a clean and healthy environment, furniture, materials and equipment as required by Appendix A, as noted in number(s) 17 below:

1. Item(s) soiled with blood or bodily fluids were not cleaned/sanitized immediately.

2. Blankets/sheets were not cleaned weekly, when soiled, or before use by another child.

3. Children's individual blankets and belongings were stored in an unsanitary manner.

4. Bottles, bottle caps, nipples and other equipment used for bottle feeding were not cleaned and sanitized in a dishwasher or by washing, rinsing, and boiling for one minute.

5. Carpets were not vacuumed weekly or cleaned when soiled.

6. Changing table/pad was not sanitized after each use or cleaned when visibly soiled.

7. Reusable cloths were not being washed daily or when visibly soiled.

8. Cots/Pads/Mats were not cleaned and sanitized before assigning to a different child, when used by a sick child, when soiled or at least every three months.

9. Cribs were not cleaned and sanitized monthly, or when soiled, or before use by another child.

10. Diaper Receptables were not cleaned and sanitized daily or more frequently as needed to eliminate odor.

11. Dishes/Cups/Silverware were not cleaned and sanitized after each use.

12. Water Containers were not labeled with the child's name, or were not cleaned and sanitized before use again on another day.

13. Dividers were not cleaned when visibly soiled.

14. Dress up clothes and hats (dramatic play) were not cleaned monthly or when soiled.

15. Floors were not cleaned weekly or when soiled.

16. The food prep area, including sinks, were not cleaned before and after preparing food (including bottle preparation) or between preparing raw or cooked food.

17. Potty chairs were not cleaned after each use, rinsed with water, cleaned and sanitized or contents were not emptied into a toilet.

18. Food tables, highchair trays were not cleaned before and after each use.

19. Tables used for play were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized daily.

20. Toilet bowls were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized weekly.

21. Toilet seat(s), handle(s) and hand washing sink(s) were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized daily.

22. Mouthed toys were not cleaned and sanitized after each child’s use.

23. Toys, other than those mouthed by children, were not cleaned monthly or when visibly soiled.

24. Washable furniture, including fabrics on infant equipment, were not cleaned weekly or when soiled.

25. Upholstered furniture was not steam cleaned when soiled.

26. Slip covers were not washed at least every six months or when soiled.

27. Wastebaskets/rinse buckets, including lids, were not being emptied daily or cleaned and sanitized when visibly soiled.

28. The manufacturer's directions for the cleaning product were not followed.

29. The solution used for sanitizing was not a commercial product registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a sanitizer.

30. Other [ ].

Furniture, materials and equipment must be maintained according to the cleaning and sanitizing schedule in Appendix A to this rule. 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: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number(s) 5 below, were in the Toddler restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.

2. There was no toilet paper.

3. There were no paper towels.

4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.

5. The plunger was accessible to the children.

6. The toilet(s) were not flushed.

7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.

8. There was a strong urine odor.

9. Other [ ].

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. 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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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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Not Verified	

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	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

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	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	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	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Not Verified	

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	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Not Verified	

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	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	