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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 Exploring Excellence Learning Center Corp.	Program Number 2200021998		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1769 Carll St. cincinnati OH 45225			County HAMILTON
Building Approval Date 05/28/2020	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 08/15/2023	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/04/2024	Begin Time 9:10 AM	End Time 1:20 PM
Reviewer: PAMELA DAUDISTEL		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	7	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)		4	0	4
Young Toddler		5	0	5
Total Under 2 ½ Years	42	9	0	9
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		9	0	9
School Age		0	9	9
Total Capacity/Enrollment	106	11	9	29

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

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Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	@ arrival
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 2	
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 5	@ arrival
Toddlers	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	Infants/Toddlers combined @ lunch
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	@ arrival
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	@ lunch time

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: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection
Code: The program is required to have all spaces used for child care inspected by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office prior to serving children. The program is required to obtain a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection. If violations are noted during the inspection, the program is required to have all violations corrected and have the program re-inspected to obtain a completed fire form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for fire inspection as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The program did not have documentation on file for a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection and the request for the new inspection was not made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the previous fire inspection.

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2. The documentation for the most recent fire inspection contained violations that had not been corrected.
3. The [ ] space was being used and had not been approved by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office for child care.

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.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play 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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended as noted in number(s) 10 (wood bench) below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were 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.
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint.
11. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
12. Outdoor equipment, [ ] was not developmentally appropriate.
13. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
14. Outdoor play equipment, [ ], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
15. Outdoor equipment, [ ], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
16. 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.
17. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [ ].

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18. Functionally linked equipment was used by preschool-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 12 inches.
19. Functionally linked equipment was used by school-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 18 inches.
20. 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: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to conduct and document quarterly inspections of their outdoor play space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that quarterly inspections of one or more outdoor play area(s) and equipment had not been completed and documented as required, using the JFS 01281 "Child Care Playground Inspection Report" form. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions
Code: The program is required to have a first aid kit onsite.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined first aid kit(s) at the program had missing, or expired, items that are required by appendix A of this rule to be contained in a first aid kit, as noted in number(s) 6, 9 (expired), 13 below:

1. The program did not have a first aid kit [onsite, on the vehicle, on a field trip].
2. One roll of hypoallergenic first-aid tape.
3. Individually wrapped sterile gauze squares in assorted sizes.
4. Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes.
5. Tweezers.
6. Gauze rolled bandage.
7. Triangular bandage.
8. Rounded end scissors.

9. 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).
10. A working digital thermometer.
11. Disposable non-latex gloves.
12. A working flashlight.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Pocket mask or face shield, appropriate for all ages of children in care, for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administration.
16. Soap or waterless sanitizer (field trip or transporting away from the program only).
17. Bottled water (field trip or transporting away from the program only).

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 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) 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.

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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 have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number(s) 1 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child
2. Medical(s) on file was not updated every 13 months
3. Medical(s) were missing child's name and date of birth
4. Medical(s) were missing the date of the medical examination
5. The date of the exam was more than 13 months prior to the date the form was signed.
6. Medical(s) were missing a statement that the child has been examined and is in suitable condition for participation in group care
7. Medical(s) were missing the signature, business address and telephone number of the physician, physician's assistant(PA), advance practice nurse (APN) or certified
nurse practitioner (CNP) who examined the child
8. Medical(s) were missing a record of immunizations the child has had specifying month, day and year
9. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the physician, PA, APN, or CNP that the child has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized against the diseases
required by division 5104.014 of the Revised Code and found in appendix A to this rule
10. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of
conscience, including religious convictions
11. 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: 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" .

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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) 14 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.

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) 12 (Toddlers) 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:
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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Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan
Code: The program is required to train child care staff members and employees on the written disaster plan annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. Child care staff members and employees were not trained annually.
2. Written documentation of the training was not kept on file.

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
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding maintaining current information in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System were discussed.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Employment records for current as well as past employees were being maintained on file as required.
Rule: 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: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The current licensing rules were available via a QR code in a noticeable location on the premises.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

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
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	

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 Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch.

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, technical assistance was provided regarding the placement of the moveable slide in relation to the edge of the mulch, as well as the wood creating the mulch border and playground border.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

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: 5101:2-12-12 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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 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: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding transportation and field trip procedures were discussed. Schoolage children participated in field trips during the summer. Children are transported to and from school. Routine walks have been discontinued due to safety issues in the neighborhood.

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 verified and dated 9/15/23 (MFSAB Lic #JTJ 7830).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions.

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
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The 2022 JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, developmentally-appropriate practices were observed in the classroom(s).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection surpassed those required by the rule.
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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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	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: Cribs were separated from the play space by a safe and sturdy and physical barrier.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were labeled with the assigned infant's name.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals and snacks were provided at intervals as required by this rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

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: An appropriate program of activities with infants was observed.
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 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were warmed in accordance with the rule in a warmer.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Infants were fed in conformity with parent/guardian's written, dated instructions.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff followed all required procedures for infant formula, food preparation and food service. Bottles are washed in the kitchen and sterilized in the classroom sterilizer.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	