Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

Center Complaint Inspection Summary 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 GREAT MINDS LEARNING ACADEMY	Program Number 2210025265	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 2909 E 5th Avenue Columbus OH 43219		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) JO ELLEN MORTON-CONRAD	Inspection Day 09/09/2024	Begin Time 3:50 PM	End Time 4:40 PM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
9	8	0	5	6

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 9	ratio is 1:5
PS	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	outside
infant	0 to < 12 months	0 to 9	teacher came to answer door
infant 2	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	
SA	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 8	
toddler	18 months to < 30 months	0 to 1	alone in PS room; no teacher was aware

Complaint Allegations

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.

No Complaints were observed during this inspection.

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Findings: During the inspection, required staff/child ratios were not maintained for the same group on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined for the inf/todd group was 0 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 9 children. Additionally, a ratio of 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 9 children was determined for the same group.

Additional staff members must be hired or current Child Care Staff Members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision
Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once.
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended and staff were unaware child was gone.
4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.
5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.
6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.
7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.
8. Other [ ].

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Findings: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in a cabinet under the sink in the crib area of the infant room where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 5 below.

1. Bleach.
2. Cleaning agent.
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.
5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.

14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [ ].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones
Code: The program is required to provide adequate fall surface for the outdoor play space.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the playground did not have adequate fall surface under and around equipment as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. No fall surface
2. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall
3. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall that extended the length of the required fall zone
4. Other [ ]

With any equipment designed for climbing, swinging, bouncing, or sliding, resilient material, as specified in Appendix A, needs to be added 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures
Code: The program is required to have all adults and children on trips wear seat belts, or use child restraints if required by law. The program is required to have only one child in each seat belt and have all children under 12 years of age sit in the back seats of the vehicle. The program is required to have all children sitting in a seat on the vehicle with a seat belt, as opposed to standing or sitting on the floor.

Findings: "During the inspection, it was determined the program did not follow regulations and/or safety precautions when children were transported as noted in number(s) 1 and 5 below:
1. Seat belts were not used by children.
2. Child restraint systems were not used.
3. Children were riding in seats that were not securely anchored.
4. More than one child was strapped in a seat belt.
5. A child under the age of twelve years old rode in the front seat of the vehicle.
6. At least one child or adult was standing or sitting on the floor in a moving vehicle, in that [ ].
7. Adult(s) in the vehicle failed to wear seat belt(s) Provide staff training.
Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes assurance that these safety guidelines will be met when children are transported, and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule."

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

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.

Findings: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the high chair was not followed in that a normal sized 7 year old was placed in the high chair.
2. The straps were missing on the [ ].
3. The straps were attached, but were not used on the [ ].
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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 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: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number(s) [ ] 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. Employee(s) purse(s).
7. Diaper bags.
8. Television not securely anchored.
9. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
10. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
11. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
12. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
13. A floor surface that was unsafe in that [ ].
14. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom.
15. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom was not sturdy.
16. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
17. Telephone cords.
18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [ ].
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. The outlet was broken and the a chunk of drywall is missing.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment
Code: The program is required to provide equipment appropriate for the children in the program in sufficient quantities that all children can be actively involved. Play materials must be accessible to the children and arranged in an orderly manner.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that equipment, materials and furnishings provided for indoor and outdoor play did not meet the requirement of the rule as noted in number(s) 3 below.

1. Equipment and materials were not varied and adequate to meet the developmental needs of the children.
2. Equipment and materials were not provided in a sufficient quantity that each child can be actively involved in an activity.
3. Play materials were not readily accessible to the children in the infant crib space that was being used as a classroom.
4. Play materials were not arranged in an orderly manner so that children have opportunities to select, remove and replace play materials with minimal assistance during the day in the [ ] classroom.
5. Durable, child-sized or safely adapted furniture was not provided for children in the [ ] classroom.

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 Play Fall Zones
Code: The program is required to provide fall zones around equipment to prevent injury if a child were to fall.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the fall zone under and around equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 4, 6, and 8 below:

1. The fall surface material had not been properly distributed or raked as needed to retain proper depth under and around equipment.
2. A fall zone hazard was present, in that, the [ ] posed a risk of injury if a child were to fall from a piece of equipment.
3. The fall zone was less than 3 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
4. The fall zone was less than 6 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
5. There was not a fall zone of 3 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
6. There was not a fall zone of 6 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
7. The fall zone was less than 4 1/2 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
8. The fall zone was less than 9 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
9. Other [ ].

The program is required to provide adequate fall zones under and around outdoor play equipment at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/16/2024

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to provide a safe and sufficient barrier to separate the play and sleeping space.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the barrier between the play and sleeping space did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 7 below:

1. No barrier had been provided
2. The barrier did not prevent the infants from entering the sleeping area.
3. The barrier was not safe.
4. The barrier was not sturdy.
5. The barrier impaired staff's ability to see and hear all sleeping infants in their cribs.
6. The barrier was inadequate.
7. Children were being cared for in the crib area

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: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to provide cribs with mattresses in good condition and sheets that are not too large or too small for the crib.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets, mattresses and/or mattress covers did not meet the rule requirement as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. At least one crib did not have a sheet.
2. At least one sheet was too large.
3. At least one sheet was too small.
4. At least one sheet was torn.
5. The mattress was not at least one and one-half inches thick.
6. The mattress was not firm.
7. There was space between the mattress and the sides and end panels of the crib which exceeded one and one-half inches.
8. The mattress cover was not waterproof.
9. The mattress cover was torn.
10. Other: [ ].

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

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