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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 Little Cubs Adventures and Learning	Program Number 2220027014	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1621 N 21st Street newark OH 43055		County LICKING

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) Andrea Clark	Inspection Day 04/30/2026	Begin Time 9:50 AM	End Time 10:35 AM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Little Explorers	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 2	Arrival ratio @ 9:50 AM. Split group for restroom.
Little Explorers	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	Arrival ratio @ 9:50 AM. Split group for restroom.
Pre-K Adventures	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	Arrival ratio @ 9:50 AM.
The Hive	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 7	Arrival ratio @ 9:50 AM.

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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.

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping
Code: The program is required to provide enough cots or mats for each child in attendance to be assigned their individual cot/mat. Cots and mats must be firm, resilient, and in good condition.

Allegation: The program did not provide cots that were appropriately sized for the children using them.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that cots or mats did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 11 below:

1. The program did not have enough individually assigned cots and/or mats for each child.
2. A child was sleeping [on the floor, at the table, on a bean bag chair, on a couch or chair].
3. Frames were bent/broken.
4. Covers were torn.
5. Cots were missing bolts.
6. Cots were sagging.
7. Legs on the cots were broken.
8. Cots did not stand at least 3 inches but no more than 18 inches off the floor.
9. Cots were not at least 36 inches in length and as long as the child is tall.
10. Mats were not at least 1 inch thick and as wide and long as the child assigned.
11. The cot(s) were not appropriately sized for the children who use them.

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

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/30/2026

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 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.

Allegation: Children are not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten health, safety, or well-being.

Determination: Substantiated

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) 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.

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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. Hanging vent in wall with loose screws that children have access to.

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.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 05/30/2026

Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training
Code: The program staff is required to use and discard a separation material between each diaper change.

Allegation: Staff did not use a separation material between each diaper change.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the staff did not use a/discard the separation material between each diaper change, as required by the rule, at the diaper changing station. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/28/2026

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

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

Low Risk Non-Compliances

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