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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 Explorers Learning Center	Program Number 2220027334	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 2041 w airport Swanton OH 43558		County FULTON

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) REBECCA COY	Inspection Day 02/04/2025	Begin Time 9:45 AM	End Time 11:30 AM
Reviewer(s) REBECCA COY	Inspection Day 02/04/2025	Begin Time 3:30 PM	End Time 3:38 PM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 11	No. Rules with Non-compliances 2	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 1

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Mixed Group	0 to < 12 months	2 to 11	
Mixed Group	0 to < 12 months	2 to 12	

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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.

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:04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that an area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a continuous fence in good condition, or natural barrier, that ensured children were not able to leave the playground area. The fence or natural barrier was determined to present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground as noted in number 10 below:

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1. The fence, natural barrier, or combination of fence and natural barrier was not continuous.
2. The fencing had missing slat boards through which children could leave the playground.
3. The gate was broken and did not close.
4. The latch on the gate was broken.
5. The gate had no latch.
6. The fencing was broken.
7. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.
8. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.
9. The portable fencing approved for use by the Department was not being used.
10. Other: no fence or natural barrier present

Discontinue use of the playground and provide a space for outdoor play which is well defined by a continuous fence or natural barrier and protected from other hazards. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/06/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Posted
Code: The rule requires the license to be visible to parents at all times.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's license was not in a location visible to parents as required. 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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/06/2025