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 KIDS EDUCARE ACADEMY(KEA),LLC	Program Number 2230029130	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 12958 National Road SW, Unit C Etna OH 43062		County LICKING

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/29/2026	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 1:15 PM	Reviewer: ANNE BLANKESTYN

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 13		No. Requirements Compliant 47
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 14	No. Technical Assistance Provided 4

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)		2	0	2
Young Toddler		6	0	6
Total Under 2 ½ Years	9	8	0	8
Older Toddler		7	0	7
Preschool		15	0	15
School Age		10	0	10
Total Capacity/Enrollment	18	32	0	40

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infant/Toddler	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	10:15am
Infant/Toddler	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	12:30pm naptime
Cherry Cherry	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	10:15 am
Cherry Cherry	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 3	In Compliance	12:30pm naptime

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.

No moderate risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a copy of the current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration for any off-site food processing establishment they may utilize.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a copy of the off-site food processing establishment's current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration was not on file at the program. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the current registration, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

Requirement: The rule requires the program to keep their information current in the Ohio statewide licensing system.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that information was not up to date in the Ohio statewide licensing system.

The following information was not current: • Telephone number

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule.

The following was observed: • The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from trash and foreign objects.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the outdoor play space was not free of conditions that pose a risk of harm to children.

The following was observed: there is a very active bee colony on the front of the building, which is close to the outdoor play area. Bees were observed to be flying around the children while they were outdoors playing. Please have the bee hive relocated/removed.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills

Requirement: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the required drills were not completed.

The following was observed as not being complete: • Emergency/lockdown drills in each quarter of the calendar year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage

Requirement: The program is required to store and serve food in a safe manner.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that food was not stored in a safe manner as noted in number.

The following was observed: The lunch was observed to have been delivered to the program prior to 10:10am but the temperature was not maintained as food (spaghetti) sat in a warmer that was not turned on. Lunch was served at 11:51am.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices

Requirement: The program staff is required to change wet or soiled diapers immediately.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child's basic diapering needs were not being met.

The following was observed: • Diapers not checked regularly. (every two hours)

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Requirement: The program staff is required to label bottles containing formula or breast milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that bottles containing milk/formula for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and date of preparation. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that all child care staff members did not meet the annual professional development requirement.

The following was observed: • The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Requirement: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained.

The following was observed: • At least one individual's schedule was not current.

• At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Requirement: 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.

The following was observed: • The first aid training was expired

• 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program is required to provide appendix C to all parents of the children enrolled.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that parent(s) of the children enrolled in the program were not provided with a copy of appendix C to this rule.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program's policies and procedures are required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written policies and procedures provided to the parents/guardians and employees was missing an item(s).

The following was observed as missing: • Staff/child ratios and group size. • Care of children without immunizations. • Written security plan that ensures that access to the center is limited to parents and guardians of children in care and authorized persons. • Attendance policy, including procedures for

follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program or activity does not arrive. • Policy to prohibit center employees from exposing children to inappropriate language, media, or behavior. • Formal screenings and assessments on enrolled children and if the program reports child

level data to DCY pursuant to Chapter 5180:2-17 of the Administrative Code.

• Social media policy including, but not limited to, addressing publication of child photos or

other identifying information

• Usage of emergency medical devices and emergency medications, including but not limited

to Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and Naloxone

Revise the program's written policies and procedures to include the missing information. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised written policies and procedures, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed as missing: • Medical or dental emergencies, including emergency transportation • Emergency or evacuation and relocation procedures due to threats of violence which include active shooter, bioterrorism, or terrorism. • Emergency numbers for medical, dental, and transport-related emergencies in addition to 9-1-1. • Updating the plan on a yearly basis.

Make the necessary revisions to the EPRP. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/29/2026

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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.

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined emergency numbers are not posted in all spaces used by children as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care

Requirement: The program is required to provide a daily written record for each infant in care to the parents when picking up the infant each day.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the infant daily sheet/daily sheet is incomplete. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed and updated DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" or equivalent form on file for each child enrolled.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the child's enrollment form is not complete or updated annually as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have complete child immunization records on file.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined child's immunization records were not on file or updated annually as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

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
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements.

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 Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Not Applicable	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements	Compliant	

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 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage	Compliant	