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Family Child Care 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 LITTLE EXPLORERS CHILDCARE	Program Number 2240030781		Program Type FCC - Type A Home
Address 3851 highland bluff dr Groveport OH 43125			County FRANKLIN
Building and Fire Approvals apply to Type A Family Child Care Homes only			
Building Approval Date 05/30/2024	Use Group/Code NA	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 10/01/2024			

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Pre-license	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Announced
Inspection Date 10/30/2024	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 1:27 PM
Reviewer: Melinda Irwin		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 Years		0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment		0	0	0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Little Explorers Childcare		2 to 0	

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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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Safe Environment
Code: The program is required to protect children from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Findings: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined the program did not protect children from an unsafe item or condition or equipment due to the following numbers 5, 8, 15 and 18 below:

1. Pull cord(s) on the window blind(s).
2. Extension cord(s); electrical cord(s) attached to an object that could result in a severe injury if pulled.
3. Stacked tables.
4. Folding tables.
5. Lighter, in the drawer to the left of the lower cabinet in the kitchen.
6. Power tool(s).
7. Live wires.
8. Stove that are either on or able to be turned on by a child.
9. Asbestos.
10. Traffic.
11. A body of water.
12. A well.
13. Environmental hazard(s) confirmed by local authorities having jurisdiction over the hazard.
14. A crockpot used to heat bottles.

15. Immediate access to a knife (can opener,) in the drawer left of the stove in the kitchen.
16. Large or heavy pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
17. Marijuana was accessible to children.
18. Broken glass, the fireplace in the living room has the glass that covers it broken. Sharp edge on one side.

Any hazardous equipment must be removed, replaced, or repaired and any hazardous condition must be corrected and must be made inaccessible to children. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the item or condition has been removed and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2024

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-13-02 Provider Medical
Code: The provider is required to submit a complete and valid medical statement.

Findings: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statement for the provider did not include the required information listed below in number 2 a, b and c:

1. Date of examination;
2. Signature, business address, and telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination;
3. A statement that verifies that the employee is:
a. Physically fit for employment as a provider caring for children;
b. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR).
c. Immunized against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap).

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed medical statement, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 Safe Environment

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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: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well being. During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from the following conditions which may threaten their health, safety, or well being as noted in the following numbers 1, 4 and 7 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers, in the living room to the right of the couch and in the cabinet under the TV, that was not locked.
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 cords attached to an object (laptop,) stretched from the counter to the table that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs.
6. Telephone cords.
7. Employee purse.
8. Diaper bags.
9. Television not securely anchored.
10. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
11. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
12. Chipping or peeling paint.
13. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
14. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
15. A floor surface was unsafe in that [ ].
16. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet.
17. The platform provided for the sink or toilet was not sturdy.
18. The platform provided for the sink or toilet posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following furniture in that [ ].
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. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2024

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Space
Code: The program staff is required to protect the children from hazardous conditions in the outdoor play area.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the following hazardous conditions existed in the outdoor play area, as noted in number 6 below:

1. There was broken glass.
2. There were tall weeds.
3. There was poison ivy.
4. There were tree branches.
5. There was mold visible.
6. The sandboxes lid was cracked and broken leaving a sharp edge.
7. There were thistles with prickers.
8. There were bird droppings.
9. The outdoor area was littered with trash.
10. The trash can was missing a lid.
11. The trash was not emptied from the day(s) before.
12. The trash can was overflowing with trash.
13. The trash can was infested with insects.
14. The trash can was visibly dirty.
15. Other [ ].

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

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Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-13-12 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 16 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [ ] were not followed in that [ ].
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, 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: 11/29/2024

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-13-08 Employee Requirements
Code: The program is required to obtain completed medical statements for all program staff.

Findings: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for those individuals listed on the Employee Record Chart did not include the required information listed below in number 2.

1. A medical statement was not on file;
2. The medical statement on file were not dated within 12 months of the individual's first day of employment;
3. Date of examination was missing;
4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;
5. A statement was missing that verifies the individual is:
a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;
b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);
c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed medical statement, 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
5101:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Building Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-04 Building Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Health Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5101:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Programming	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Review Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	