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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 Childcare and Learning Center	Program Number 2240031223	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 8162 Colerain Ave Cincinnati OH 45239		County HAMILTON

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) SULYN ROMER	Inspection Day 02/28/2025	Begin Time 7:30 AM	End Time 8:10 AM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
4	3	0	2	1

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Infant Room	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 2	at arrival - when I entered the room with ccsm
Infant Room	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	with toddlers
Preschool/School Age	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	

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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: 5180:2-12-19 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.

Allegation: Allegedly young children are not supervised at all times as required by rule.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number 1 below:

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once - child care staff member left two children in the infant room to answer the front door.
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended.
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.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/04/2025

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

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Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment
Code: The program is required to refrain from using space heaters unless it has been approved by a fire official.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a space heater which had not been approved by a fire official was in the area identified in number(s) 1 & 2 below:

1. The administrator's office (front desk area).
2. A classroom.
3. The break room.
4. Several classrooms.
5. The hallway.
6. The entry way.
7. Other [ ].

The use of this space heater must be discontinued until approval for its use has been obtained. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes written fire approval for use of this space heater or a written statement that the space heater is no longer being used at the program, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/04/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

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.

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 1 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers. Outlets were uncovered in preschool area (2), infant (1) and hallway (1).
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.

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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. Other [ ].

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Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/04/2025