

## Center 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 Junior Explorers CDC	Program Number 2190019627	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 4806 Timber Commons Drive Sandusky OH 44870		County ERIE	
Inspection Information			
Building Approval Date 05/30/2019	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 119	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 07/30/2025	Food Service Risk Level Exempt		

Summary of Findings				
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced		
Inspection Date 11/20/2025	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 2:02 PM		
Reviewer: Jennifer Bartlebaugh				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 8	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 0	No. Low Risk 9

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)		17	0	17
Young Toddler		14	0	14
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	45	31	0	31
Older Toddler		9	0	9
Preschool		35	0	35
School Age		0	0	0
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	112	44	0	75

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment

Infant 1	0 to < 12 months	2 to 10	Arrival Ratio- Infant 1 & Infant 2 combined
Infant 1	0 to < 12 months	2 to 11	Second Ratio- Lunch & Nap Infant 1 & Infant 2 combined
Infant 2	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 10	Arrival Ratio- Infant 1 & Infant 2 Combined
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 11	Arrival Ratio
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 12	Second Ratio- Nap
Toddler Transition	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 6	Arrival Ratio
Toddler Transition	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 6	Second Ratio- Nap
Preschool 3	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 9	Arrival Ratio
Preschool 3	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	Second Ratio- Transition from Lunch to Nap
Preschool 3	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	Nap Time Ratio
Preschool 4	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 11	Arrival Ratio
Preschool 4	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 10	Second Ratio- Lunch
Preschool 4	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 9	Third Ratio-This age group does not nap.

### 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 and 5180:2-13-03 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

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

### Low Risk Non-Compliances

#### Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all staff and children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as listed in number 5 below, as required in rule.

1. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands upon arrival for the day.
2. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands prior to departure.
3. At least one staff did not wash their hands upon entry into a classroom.
4. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
5. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after each diaper change or pull-up change. (Toddler 1)
6. At least one staff did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
7. At least one child did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids.
8. At least one child did not wash their hands after returning inside after outdoor play.
9. At least one staff did not wash their hands after cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
10. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
11. At least one staff did not wash their hands before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
12. At least one child did not wash their hands before eating or assisting with food preparation.
13. At least one staff did not wash their hands before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.

14. At least one child did not wash their hands after water activities.
15. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands when visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
16. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/20/2025

**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.

Finding: 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 at least one area (Preschool 3 Wall & Preschool 4-Beam) of the program or at least one piece of equipment had chipping or peeling paint. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/20/2025

**Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Code: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number 1 below, were in the older toddler restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.
2. There was no toilet paper.
3. There were no paper towels.
4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.
5. The plunger was accessible to the children.
6. The toilet(s) were not flushed.
7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.
8. There was a strong urine odor.
9. Other [ ].

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. 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 not required at this time.

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to space cribs two feet apart when in use.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that cribs were not two feet apart when in use, as required by this rule. 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 not required at this time.

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

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

Code: 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 as noted in number(s) 2 & 4 below:

1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. 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: 12/20/2025

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

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

Code: 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 at least one child care staff member did not meet the annual professional development requirement as noted in number 1 below:

1. The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development.
2. Documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule.
3. Training topic did not meet the requirements listed in appendix A of this rule.
4. Documentation of training did not meet the requirements of this rule.
5. The substitute(s) had been used more than ninety days annually between July first and June thirtieth and had not completed at least six hours of professional development
6. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/20/2025

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

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

Code: The program is required to use the updated JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care".

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care", as required, for the items in number 6 below.

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list

8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked "yes"
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian's signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. Other [ ]

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 not required at this time.

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program staff is required to have immediate access to medications, medical foods and topical products.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program staff did not have immediate access to medications, medical foods and topical products at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Note: Parent brought the medication up to the center.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/20/2025

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to have medication, medical foods and topical products labeled with the child's name.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child's nasal saline mist was at the program which had not been labeled with the child's name. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/20/2025

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**Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified**

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 7/30/2026.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program has obtained a food service exemption status from the local health department.
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has until 7/16/2026 to complete the rules review course since it will be 5 years.
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete.
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements. New hire has 30 days to complete the orientation training.
Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The restrooms are used exclusively by the program.
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 10/27/2025.
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards.
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was grass. They had no climbing toys outside just riding toys and playhouse.
Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A notice was observed posted stating that smoking is prohibited at the program.
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding caring for children with a specific health condition were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care" were posted in the program as required.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required. Checked first aid kits for both buildings.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times. Records were kept on paper and online.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding sleeping and napping were discussed.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food served at mealtime to the infants was developmentally appropriate and did not pose a choking hazard.
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Food was stored in a safe and sanitary manner.
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All infants/toddlers were served formula/milk in sufficient amounts to meet the nutritional requirements.
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed.
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Bottles were stored in a refrigerator located in the classroom.
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	