



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 Exploring Excellence Learning Center Corp.	Program Number 2200021998	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1769 Carll St. Cincinnati OH 45225		County HAMILTON	
Building Approval Date 05/28/2020	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 06/02/2021	Food Service Risk Level Exempt		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/17/2021	Begin Time 8:25 AM	End Time 1:45 PM
Reviewer: PAMELA DAUDISTEL		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 54	No. Rules with Non-compliances 9	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 12

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)		7	0	7
Young Toddler		4	0	4
Total Under 2 ½ Years	42	11	0	11
Older Toddler		3	0	3
Preschool		16	0	16
School Age		24	0	24
Total Capacity/Enrollment	106	43	0	54

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	@ arrival



Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	Infants/Toddlers combined
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	PS w/ 1 toddler 30+ mos
Preschool		2 to 12	PS w/ 1 toddler 30+ mos
Schoolage	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 9	
Schoolage	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 16	

Summary of Non-Compliances

If the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited. Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 2-12-03 details the process for submitting a request for a review if a program disagrees with a licensing finding. The request for review must be submitted within seven days from the receipt of the licensing report.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment in number(s) 6 below had been used for sleeping infants and did not allow the infant to sleep on a firm mattress:

1. Mesh cribs;
2. Play pens;
3. Bassinets;
4. Cots;
5. Car seats;
6. Infant swing;
7. The floor;
8. Infant seats;



- 9. An infant placed in a car seat in a crib;
- 10. Other [].

Infants must be provided with a crib, which meets requirements specified in this rule, for resting and sleeping. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that staff training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Code: 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 as noted in number(s) 3, 4 below:

1. There was no method in place;
2. The method did not include each child's name;
3. The method did not include each child's date of birth;
4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times;
5. 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: 09/19/2021

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from general hazards.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following hazardous conditions existed in the outdoor play area, as noted in number(s) 10 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. There were thistles with pricklers.
 7. There were bird droppings.
 8. There were bolts with more than two threads exposed along a fence line or gate on a playground.
 9. The sandbox was contaminated.
 10. Other: multiple strips of black fabric extended above the mulch level, creating a tripping hazard.
- Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Code: The program is required to have a space free from immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or used appropriately as noted in number(s) 6 below:

1. The fencing had missing slat boards;
2. The fencing was broken;
3. The fencing was loose;
4. The fencing was rotting;
5. The gate was broken and did not close;
6. The gate was padlocked;
7. The latch on the gate was broken;
8. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground;
9. The gate had no latch.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021



Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment

Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe as noted in number(s) 10 below on the yellow bench and all blue mulch boards and boards, with numerous pieces of peeled paint in the grass and mulch:

1. There was rust exposed;
2. There was protruding bolts;
3. There were cracks;
4. There were holes;
5. There was splintering wood;
6. There were sharp edges or points;
7. There were lead hazards;
8. There were toxic substances;
9. There were tripping hazards;
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint;
11. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number(s) 1, 5 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated.

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: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to label all cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one crib was not labeled with the child's name, 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: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to provide clean sheets for all cribs that are not too large or too small for the crib.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets did not meet the rule requirement as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. At least one crib did not have a sheet.
2. At least one sheet was too large.
3. At least one sheet was too small.
4. At least one sheet was torn.
5. Crib sheets were not clean.

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: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement



Code: The program staff medicals are required to include all information.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for those employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not include the required information listed below in number(s) 4 (a).

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 in a program caring for children;
 - b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);
 - c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);
4. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test
 - a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the World Health Organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment;
 - b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 4a;
 - c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test;
 - d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Code: The program staff medicals are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that completed medical examination statement(s) for the employee(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart was not on file, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021



Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education was not on file for Child Care Staff Member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the verification of a high school education, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/19/2021

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Code: 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 item number(s) 12, 13 (policy for follow-up when a child is scheduled to arrive from another program address other child care programs but not schools), 19 (incorrect information regarding vehicles used for transporting children) below:

General Information

1. Program name, address, email address and telephone number;
2. Description of the program's program philosophy;
3. Days and hours of operation, scheduled closings and basic daily schedule;
4. Staff/child ratios and group size;
5. Meals and snacks provided;
6. Outdoor play, including limitations placed on outdoor play due to weather or safety issues. Considerations may include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, wind chill, ozone levels, pollen count, lightning, rain or ice;
7. Opportunities for parent involvement in program activities;
8. Opportunities for parents to meet with teachers regarding their child;
9. Payment schedule, overtime charges and registration fees as applicable;
10. Supports for onsite breastfeeding or pumping for mothers who wish to do so (if the program serves infants or toddlers).

Program Policies and Procedures

11. Enrollment including required enrollment information;
12. Care of children without immunizations;
13. Attendance including procedures for arrival and departure, the program's absent day policy, releasing child to persons other than the parent, releasing a child according to a custody agreement and follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program or activity does not arrive;
14. Supervision and child guidance;



15. Parent provided food and program-wide dietary policy, if applicable. If all of the food is parent provided, the policy shall also include if the program supplements food when the parent does not provide sufficient food for the day;
16. Management of illness including isolation precautions, symptoms for discharge and return and notification of parent of ill child;
17. Summary of procedures taken in the event of an emergency, serious illness or injury;
18. Administration of medication including food supplements, modified diets and whether school age children are permitted to carry their own medication and ointments;
19. Transportation for trips and emergencies;
20. Water activities/swimming;
21. Infant care, if applicable, including frequency of diaper checks;
22. Napping and Resting;
23. Evening and overnight care, if applicable;
24. Policy on operation and/or closing due to weather, school delays or closings and any other factors;
25. Policy on when the program will require disenrollment of a child;
26. Procedure for parents or employees to follow when needing assistance in resolving problems related to the child care program;
27. Policy on whether or not the program will provide child care services to children whose parents refuse to grant consent for transportation to the source of emergency treatment;
28. Policy on whether the program conducts formal assessments on enrolled children and if the program reports child level data to ODJFS pursuant to 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code.

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: 09/19/2021

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan

Code: The program is required to have a written disaster plan.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information in number(s) 17, 18 below:

Procedures:

1. The written disaster plan had not been completed
2. The plan was not provided to all child care staff and employees
3. The plan was not used to respond to an emergency or disaster situation
4. Weather emergencies and natural disasters which include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, major snowfall, blizzards, ice storms or earthquakes
5. Emergency outdoor and indoor lockdown or evacuation due to threats of violence which includes active shooter, bioterrorism or terrorism
6. Emergency or disaster evacuations due to hazardous materials and spills, gas leaks or bomb threats.



7. Outbreaks, epidemics or other infectious disease emergencies
 8. Loss of power, water, or heat
 9. Other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the program
- Details:
10. Shelter in place or evacuation, how the program will care for and account for the children until they can be reunited with the parent
 11. Assisting infants and children with special needs and/or health conditions
 12. Emergency contact information for parents and the program
 13. Procedures for notifying and communicating with parents regarding the location of the children if evacuated
 14. Procedures for communicating with parents during loss of communications, no phone or internet service available
 15. The location of supplies and procedures for gathering necessary supplies for staff and children if required to shelter in place
 16. What to do if a disaster occurs during the transport of children or when on a field trip or routine trip
 17. Training of staff or reassignment of staff duties as appropriate
 18. Updating the plan on a yearly basis
 19. Contact with local emergency management officials

Make the necessary revisions to the disaster plan. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, 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
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals were provided at intervals as required by this rule.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The menu was posted on a Parent Board near the entrance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Fire Approval	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: One driver has not taken the required ODJFS annual Driver training and one driver has expired Driver Training. This training must be completed prior to transporting children.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: The Administrator stated no children have participated in swimming.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food License	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The caterer's food service license information was observed during the inspection (UMC Food Ministries).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5101:2-12-19 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
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, one first aid kit was reviewed and available as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-04 Building Approval	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical 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



5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Orientation and Staff Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all staff had completed the required amount of professional development training.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, was expired (dated 6/29/20); however, the Administrator stated they have taken no field trips, nor transported children. An updated vehicle inspection report, prior to transporting children to and from school for the upcoming school year.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Requirements regarding routine and/or field trips were discussed during the inspection. Extensive technical assistance was provided regarding vehicle requirements, ratio requirements on field trips in vehicles and with routine walks, all items required when transporting children or



		participating in routine walks, and training requirements for staff.
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Drivers must have current First Aid, CPR and Communicable Disease. One driver must complete these trainings prior to transporting children.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration and Food Supplements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-09 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
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	