



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 | | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| Inspection Type Follow-up | Inspection Scope Full | Inspection Notice Unannounced |
| Inspection Date 03/15/2022 | Begin Time 9:15 AM | End Time 1:30 PM |
| Reviewer: PAMELA DAUDISTEL | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified 58 | No. Rules with Non-compliances 11 | No. Serious Risk 0 | No. Moderate Risk 2 | No. Low Risk 12 |

| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
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| Age Group | License Capacity | Enrollment | | |
| | Totals | Full Time | Part Time | Total |
| Infant (Birth to < 18 m) | | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Young Toddler | | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Total Under 2 ½ Years | 42 | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Older Toddler | | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Preschool | | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| School Age | | 0 | 13 | 13 |
| Total Capacity/Enrollment | 106 | 14 | 13 | 39 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| Group | Age Group/Range | Ratio Observed | Comment |
| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 3 to 7 | @ arrival |



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| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 7 | @ lunch time |
| Toddlers | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 5 | @ arrival |
| Toddlers | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 5 | on playground |
| Toddlers | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 10 | Toddlers, Preschool combined @ lunch time |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 2 to 5 | @ arrival |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 5 | center time |
| Schoolage | School-Age to < 11 years | 1 to 0 | group not present |

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 staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that are a potential suffocation risk from cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object that created a potential strangulation or suffocation risk, as indicated in number(s) 1 below:

1. Bib
2. Pacifier clip/ribbon
3. Teething jewelry
4. Blanket for infant under twelve months old
5. Pillow



6. Boppy
7. Bumper pad
8. Clothing stored in the crib
9. Diaper bag
10. Object or toy strung over the crib in which a child can pull himself up
11. Stuffed animal that is large/soft enough to conform to the shape of the child's face
12. Other []

The rule prohibits any item which obstructs child-care staff's visibility or poses a risk of strangulation or suffocation from being placed on or in a crib. Remove the item(s) immediately. 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/17/2022

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans

Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition. The program is required to implement and/or follow instructions on the JFS 01236 for a child with a health condition.

Finding: A written, signed and dated JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" must be on file for any child having health conditions which require monitoring for symptoms, or a medical procedure be performed, or ongoing administration of medication or medical foods at the program. In review of the children's records, it was determined that the required written information was either not on file, implemented or followed, for at least one child indicated on the Children Records Review, as noted in number(s) 7, 10, 13, 18 below:

1. No plan was on file.
2. Child's name was missing.
3. Child's date of birth was missing.
4. Name of the condition was missing.
5. Indication if medication is required was missing.
6. Symptoms to watch for were missing.
7. Directions for when should the medication or medical food be administered were missing.
8. Instructions for administration were missing.
9. Conditions that trigger the need for medication or medical foods were missing.
10. Expected results of the medication or medical food were missing.
11. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing.
12. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.
13. Training instructions were missing.
14. Directions for action to be taken if expected result of medication or medical food does not occur were missing.
15. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.
16. Dated signature of parent was missing.



17. Dated signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.
18. Printed name(s)/Dated signature(s) of child care staff member(s) trained to perform the procedure were missing.
19. Dated signature(s) of administrator was missing.
20. Name of any applicable medication was missing.
21. Date medication was administered was missing.
22. Time medication was administered was missing.
23. Dosage administered was missing.
24. Signature of staff member who administered the medication was missing.
25. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.
26. The plan was not implemented.
27. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.
28. The plan was not followed.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/17/2022

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

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

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one staff member with the Infant group did not wash his or her hands at the time listed in number(s) 5 below, as required in rule in that she opened a gate to the Infant play area to set a child down prior to washing her hands, thereby contaminating the gate.

1. Upon arrival for the day.
2. Prior to departure.
3. Upon entry into a classroom.
4. After toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
5. After each diaper change or pull-up change.
6. After contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
7. After cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
8. After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
9. Before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.



10. Before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
11. When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
12. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/17/2022

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

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

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one child in the Infant group did not wash his or her hands at the time listed in number(s) 3 below, as required in rule.

1. Upon arrival.
2. Prior to departure.
3. After toileting/diaper change.
4. After contact with bodily fluids.
5. After returning from outdoor play.
6. After handling pets, pet cages, or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet, before moving on to another activity.
7. Before eating or assisting with food preparation.
8. After water activities.
9. When visibly soiled (must use soap and water)
10. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/17/2022

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to label all cleaning and sanitizing supplies.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that not all cleaning/sanitizing supplies had been clearly labeled. When cleaning or sanitizing supplies are not stored in their original containers, the container must be labeled with the contents. 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: 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 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 being used inappropriately 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 locked.
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: 04/17/2022

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) 9, 10 below:

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 (black fabric under the mulch that protruded above the mulch level);
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint (yellow bench, all blue painted mulch borders, perimeter benches);
11. Other [].

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

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Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years

Code: The program is required to separate children younger and older than 2 1/2 years of age.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined a group that included at least one child less than the age of two and one half years of age was not kept separate from groups of older children as noted in number(s) 1 below:

- 1) The Toddler group, which included children less than two and one half years of age, were cared for in a space where a group of older children were receiving care, in that the Preschool and Toddler groups combined at lunch time in the Toddler Room.
- 2) A barrier was not used to separate the space being used by the group of children less than two and one half years of age from space being used for groups of children two and one half years and older.
- 3) The barrier separating the groups was not at least 36 inches in height.
- 4) The barrier separating the groups was not continuous.

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

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Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures

Code: The program is required to have staff trained in CPR, First Aid, and Communicable Diseases on all trips.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a person trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid and management of communicable disease, had not been present for number(s) 1 below as required by the rule:

1. In the vehicle for routine trips;
2. In the vehicle for field trips;
3. At the destination on all field trips.

Secure current training for the area needed or restructure the staff who are currently trained on the vehicle during routine trips and field trips. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/17/2022

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements

Code: The program is required to complete and document weekly inspections of vehicles used to transport children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not performed and/or documented weekly inspections of vehicles used for transporting children, nor monthly evacuation drills. The weekly inspection needs to include the following:

1. A visual inspection of the tires for wear and tire pressure
2. A visual inspection of headlights, taillights, signals, mirrors, wiper blades, and dash gauges
3. An inspection for properly functioning child and driver restraints
4. An inspection for properly functioning doors and windows
5. An inspection for, and cleaning of, debris from inside the vehicle

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the documented weekly inspection of vehicles and as well as a written plan to conduct monthly emergency evacuation drills, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/17/2022



Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

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

Code: The program staff is required to label and store bottles with breast milk following the requirements in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that breast milk provided by the parent was not stored appropriately as noted in number(s) 1 (missing date prepared/brought to center) below:

1. Not labeled with infant's name, date pumped, and date bottle was prepared;
2. Not immediately refrigerated or frozen;
3. Stored at room temperature longer than eight hours;
4. Stored at the program for more than five days after it was expressed;
5. Stored longer than two weeks in the freezer compartment of the refrigerator;
6. Stored longer than six months in the refrigerator/freezer;
7. Stored longer than twelve months in the deep freezer;
8. Other [].

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

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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 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: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 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(s) 2, 4, 6, 15 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: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number(s) 1 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child



2. Medical(s) on file was not updated every 13 months
3. Medical(s) were missing child's name and date of birth
4. Medical(s) were missing the date of the medical examination
5. The date of the exam was more than 13 months prior to the date the form was signed.
6. Medical(s) were missing a statement that the child has been examined and is in suitable condition for participation in group care
7. Medical(s) were missing the signature, business address and telephone number of the physician, physician's assistant(PA), advance practice nurse (APN) or certified nurse practitioner (CNP) who examined the child
8. Medical(s) were missing a record of immunizations the child has had specifying month, day and year
9. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the physician, PA, APN, or CNP that the child has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized against the diseases required by division 5104.014 of the Revised Code and found in appendix A to this rule
10. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions
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: 04/17/2022

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required. |
| 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 |
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| 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |
| 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-04 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 6/2/22. |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The off-site food processing establishment's current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration information was observed during the inspection. |
| 5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension | Compliant | |
| 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | |
| 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file. |
| 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant | |
| 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant | |



| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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: 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: 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training. |
| 5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch. |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition. |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program provided a clean environment in accordance with Appendix A of this rule, which included the furniture, materials and equipment. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |



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| 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The driver(s) had completed the required ODJFS driver training. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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 | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | |
| 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 |
| 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |



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| Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, enough Child Care Staff Members were employed to meet the staff/child ratios. |
| 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 | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-18 Group Size | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records | 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: 5101:2-12-19 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 |
| 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |



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| Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | Documenting Statement: An appropriate program of activities with infants was observed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration | Compliant | |