



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 Empowered Early Learning Academy	Program Number 2220026813	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1115 South Main Street Akron OH 44301		County SUMMIT	
Building Approval Date 09/01/2022	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 314	Maximum Under 2 ½ NA
Fire Inspection Approval Date 09/09/2022	Food Service Risk Level N/A		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/04/2022	Begin Time 9:30 AM	End Time 1:00 PM
Reviewer: SHAWN CRAWFORD		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 13	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 4	No. Low Risk 10

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 ½ Years	0	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		21	0	21
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	102	21	0	21

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



Safari Room 3's	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	
Safari Room 3's	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 4	Lunch
Safari Room 3's	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 4	Nap
Desert Buddies-4's	4 years to < 5 years	3 to 10	
Desert Buddies-4's	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 10	Lunch
Desert Buddies-4's	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 9	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 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: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements
Code: The program is required to obtain and maintain a valid food license if they prepare and/or serve food. The program is required to correct any food service violations to maintain their food service license.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program failed to obtain or maintain a valid food service license as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. The program was unable to obtain the food service license due to violations.
2. The program was unable to maintain the food service license due to violations.
3. The program prepared and/or served food without obtaining a valid food service license. The local health department must be contacted so the health official may determine whether the program meets exemption status, or whether the program needs a food service license.



Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the food service license or exemption status, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in the open janitor's closet, located in the hallway of the child care area, where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 2 below.

1. Bleach.
2. Cleaning agent.
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.
5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements



Code: The program is required to have documentation from ODJFS, indicating the individual is eligible to be employed in child care, on file before allowing the staff to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that child care staff member(s) had sole responsibility of children in the Desert Buddies group(s) and neither a preliminary approval nor the JFS 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" were on file as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176 or a statement that the child care staff member(s) no longer have sole responsibility of children, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks were not requested for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 1,2 below:

1. Submitting the request for a background check for child care in the OPR.
2. Submitting fingerprints electronically according to the process established by BCI.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

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) 5 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: 12/04/2022

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Code: The program is required to provide a clean and healthy environment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following unsanitary conditions were at the program: a plunger was observed to be in the cafeteria by the sink and accessible to children. A clean and healthy environment, including furniture, materials and equipment must be provided, and the program shall be cleaned daily. Submit the programs corrective action plan to this Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements

Code: The program is required to post the current weekly menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement as noted in number(s) 7 below.

1. The menu was not posted.
2. The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents.
3. The menu was not currently dated.



4. The entire menu was substituted.
5. At least one item on menu did not match what was served.
6. The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu.
7. Other: the menu did not state the type of fresh fruit or 100% juice being served.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

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 or in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education was not on file nor verified in the Ohio Professional Registry 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: 12/04/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that Child Care Staff Member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022



Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Code: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number(s) 5,6 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.
2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.
3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.
4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.
5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.
6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.
7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.
8. Other: []

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

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 a completed medical examination statement 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: 12/04/2022



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) 2,4,9,10,13,15 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 []
- Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/04/2022

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) 5,8 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: 12/04/2022

Domain: 09 Children's Files

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

Code: The program is required to maintain a complete JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file for any child having a health condition.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined that the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) 2,3 below:

1. The JFS 01236 had not been updated as needed and at least annually.
2. A separate JFS 01236 had not been used for each condition.
3. The program used an old version of the JFS 01236.

Submit the program's corrective action plan 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: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program was operating in compliance with the current building approval(s).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 by 9/9/23.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has until 2/1/23 to complete the rules review course.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was not observed however, the quarterly playground inspections were discussed and documentation was on file, as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 9/30/22.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No smoking was allowed on the premises, and the notice stating that smoking is prohibited was observed posted in a conspicuous place.



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: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had a system in place for regularly checking and replacing first aid kit supplies.
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: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a contagious illness by number(s) 1,2 below: 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door; 5. Other [].
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, developmentally-appropriate practices were observed in the classroom(s).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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: 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
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed meeting the basic needs of all children assigned to the group.
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: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed assisting children throughout the day.
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The cots were disinfected daily.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Food was stored in a safe and sanitary manner.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All eating utensils were developmentally appropriate.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had complete written documentation for administering medication or food supplements.
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Medication was stored in the office.