



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 Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/24/2023	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 1:15 PM
Reviewer: SHAWN CRAWFORD		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 4	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 3

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		27	0	27
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	102	27	0	27

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



Desert Buddies	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	
Desert Buddies	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	Lunch
Desert Buddies	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	Nap
Safari Friends	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	
Safari Friends	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	Lunch
Safari Friends	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	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: 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 on a shelf in Safari room cubby 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: 06/23/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

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

Code: The program is required to have staff update their background checks every five years as required.

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

1. Owner
2. Administrator
3. Child care staff member, employee

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/23/2023

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 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 children were not protected from the following item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number(s) 5 below, in that an employees purse /bag was observed on a chair in the Safari Friends room:

1. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
2. Telephone cords.
3. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
4. Stacked chairs.
5. Employee(s) purse(s).
6. Diaper bags.
7. Television not securely anchored.
8. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
9. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
10. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
11. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [].
12. Other [].

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: 06/23/2023

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 preschool group did not wash his or her hands at the time listed in number(s) 1 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: 06/23/2023

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) 4 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.

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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: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review.
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: 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: 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. The program uses Fredrick's ODA reg #4739460;



Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Written permission to operate under the food service license of another entity at the same location was observed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: KWET-CPGLJP, expires 3/1/24.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Employment records for current as well as past employees were being maintained on file as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator's hours of availability to meet with parents were posted in a noticeable location.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The current licensing rules were available in a noticeable location on the premises.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator's posted hours of availability reflected an appropriate schedule meeting rule compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 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: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements.
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 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 3/1/23.



Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of an umbrella.
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Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards. Program has no stationary equipment.
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
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: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was discussed that blankets were washed weekly.
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: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were cleaned and sanitized weekly.
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the equipment was observed clean and in good repair.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions.
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	<p>Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a contagious illness by number(s) below 1,2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door;



		5. Other [].
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.
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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: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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.
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.
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Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The cots were disinfected daily.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals served at the program included foods from the four food groups in sufficient amounts.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted menus were current and dated.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted menus included foods from all four food groups.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program served the following: breakfast, lunch, snack.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Snacks were provided at intervals as required by this rule.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Snacks served at the program included foods from two of the four food groups and provided nutritional value in addition to calories.
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 the parent board.



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