

## Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at <https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/>. This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

| Program Details                                   |                              |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Program Name<br>Young Explorers Avon              | Program Number<br>2230028859 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>36692 American Way Avon<br>OH<br>44011 | County<br>LORAIN             |                                   |

| Inspection Information        |                          |                                         |                                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Inspection Type<br>Annual     | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Method<br>On-site Inspection | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>09/29/2026 | Begin Time<br>8:20 AM    | End Time<br>2:40 PM                     | Reviewer:<br>ELAINE OBRIEN       |

| Summary of Findings             |                                            |                                        |                                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| No. Requirements Verified<br>67 | No. Requirements with Non-compliances<br>3 | No. Requirements Compliant<br>55       |                                        |
| No. Serious Risk<br>0           | No. Moderate Risk Findings<br>2            | No. Other Non-compliance Findings<br>1 | No. Technical Assistance Provided<br>1 |

| 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)                                 |                  | 36         | 0         | 36    |
| Young Toddler                                             |                  | 27         | 0         | 27    |
| <b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>                              | 64               | 63         | 0         | 63    |
| Older Toddler                                             |                  | 32         | 0         | 32    |
| Preschool                                                 |                  | 43         | 0         | 43    |
| School Age                                                |                  | 0          | 0         | 0     |
| <b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>                          | 168              | 75         | 0         | 138   |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection |                          |                |               |                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Group                                        | Age Group/Range          | Ratio Observed | Compliance    | Comment                                            |
| Buccaneers                                   | 30 months to < 36 months | 2 to 14        | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |
| Buccaneers                                   | 30 months to < 36 months | 2 to 15        | In Compliance | Programming                                        |
| Sailors                                      | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 13        | In Compliance | Programming                                        |
| Sailors                                      | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 12        | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |
| vikings                                      | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 9         | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |
| vikings                                      | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 12        | In Compliance | Programming                                        |
| Voyagers                                     | Mixed Age Group          | 2 to 23        | In Compliance | Programming<br>Mixed age group 3 yrs to 5 yrs old  |
| Voyagers                                     | Mixed Age Group          | 2 to 19        | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM<br>Mixed age group 3 - 5 years old |
| Scouts                                       | 12 months to < 18 months | 2 to 8         | In Compliance | Lunch                                              |
| Scouts                                       | 12 months to < 18 months | 2 to 5         | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |
| Captains                                     | 12 months to < 18 months | 2 to 6         | In Compliance | Programming                                        |
| Captains                                     | 12 months to < 18 months | 2 to 5         | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |
| Pirates                                      | 3 years to < 4 years     | 2 to 17        | In Compliance | Programming                                        |
| Pirates                                      | 3 years to < 4 years     | 2 to 11        | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |
| Pioneers                                     | 30 months to < 36 months | 2 to 11        | In Compliance | Programming                                        |
| Pioneers                                     | 30 months to < 36 months | 2 to 12        | In Compliance | Arrival 8:20 AM                                    |

|        |                  |        |               |                 |
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| Cadets | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 7 | In Compliance | Programming     |
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### Summary of Non-Compliances

*If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5180:2-12-03, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.*

### Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

**No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection**

### Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

#### **Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: 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 table in the classroom where children had access to it.

The following was observed: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance, a cleaning agent, was used or stored on a table in reach of children.

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: 10/29/2026

#### **Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed DCY 01236 or equivalent form on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the form present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the form.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children's Records Review, with a condition that requires a DCY 01236 "Health Care Plan Documentation & Permission to Administer Medication" or equivalent form.

The following was observed: • A child care staff member who had not been trained on the form performed the procedure.

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#### **Other Non-Compliances**

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

#### **Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to use equipment, that is safe and hazard free, according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Fans, air conditioners, heat pumps, and space heaters must be inaccessible to children. The program is

required to refrain from using trampolines, ball pits and inflatable equipment intended for climbing and bouncing, including but not limited to slides and bounce houses.

Finding: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair.

The following was observed: Box fans were accessible to children

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

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#### Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

#### Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

Requirement:

Findings: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding maintaining current information in the Ohio Statewide Licensing System were discussed.

#### In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

| Rule                                              | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity                     | Compliant |                                                                                                 |
| Rule                                              | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                         |
| 5180:2-12-02 License Visible                      | Compliant |                                                                                                 |
| Rule                                              | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                         |
| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements              | Compliant |                                                                                                 |
| Rule                                              | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                         |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review. |
| Rule                                              | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                         |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection                | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection                          |

without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by February 5, 2027

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection      Compliant

Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements.

| Rule                                   | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                           | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension | Not Applicable |                                         |

| Rule                                      | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                     | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                 | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                          | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                          | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                             | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                    |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed. |

| Rule                                      | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                               | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                   | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                    | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                 | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                        | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                   |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their hands, as required by the rule. |

| Rule                                | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
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| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures       | Not Applicable |                                                                                                                                               |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements           | Not Applicable |                                                                                                                                               |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements          | Not Applicable |                                                                                                                                               |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions           | Compliant      | Documenting Statement: The program had a system in place for regularly checking and replacing first aid kit supplies.                         |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease             | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting                | Compliant      | Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required. |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan | Compliant      | Documenting Statement: The program's emergency preparedness and response plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.    |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule                           | Compliant      | Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.                                                                                  |
| Rule                                                        | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                       |

5180:2-12-17 Materials and  
Equipment

Compliant

| Rule                                  | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                  |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the Toddler and Preschool group(s). |

| Rule                     | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                     |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 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: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.                                                                |

| Rule                          | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                          |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 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 |
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| 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                              | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                            |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance and behavior management techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection. |

| Rule                                                       | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care             | Not Applicable |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation     | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements                | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care                      | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage             | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements | Not Applicable |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings                     | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills                       | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools                      | Not Applicable |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records             | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License              | Not Applicable |                                         |

| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices                       | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records                         | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records                           | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements                          | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements                    | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time. |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices             | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement                                  | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets                                  | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |
| 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices          | Compliant |                                                                                   |
| Rule                                                            | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                           |

5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and  
Toilet Training - Supplies

Compliant

| Rule                                                     | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication<br>Administration Practices | Not Applicable |                                         |
| Rule                                                     | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication<br>Documentation            | Compliant      |                                         |
| Rule                                                     | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication<br>Storage                  | Compliant      |                                         |