



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 KIDS EDUCARE ACADEMY(KEA),LLC | Program Number 2230029130 | Program Type Child Care Center | |
| Address 12958 National Road SW, Unit C Etna OH 43062 | | | County LICKING |
| Inspection Information | | | |
| Building Approval Date 10/24/2023 | Use Group/Code E | Occupancy Limit | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date 02/05/2024 | Food Service Risk Level Level II | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type Follow-up | Inspection Scope Full | Inspection Notice Unannounced |
| Inspection Date 05/13/2026 | Begin Time 9:30 AM | End Time 11:15 AM |
| Reviewer: ANNE BLANKESTYN | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified 11 | No. Rules with Non-compliances 8 | No. Serious Risk 0 | No. Moderate Risk 3 | No. Low Risk 6 |

| 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) | | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Young Toddler | | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Total Under 2 ½ Years | 9 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Older Toddler | | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Preschool | | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| School Age | | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Total Capacity/Enrollment | 18 | 37 | 0 | 44 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| Group | Age Group/Range | Ratio Observed | Comment |
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| Preschool/School age | 0 to < 12 months | 1 to 9 | 9:30am One teacher outside of building; infant teacher took 3 children from Infant/Toddler group to join Preschool/School Age group (per infant teacher) |
| Preschool/School age | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 6 | 10:23am |
| Infant/Toddler | 0 to < 12 months | 1 to 4 | 9:35am |
| Infant/Toddler | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 9 | 10:20am |
| Infant/Toddler | 0 to < 12 months | 1 to 7 | 9:45am teacher left room |

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 and 5180:2-13-03 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: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection

Code: The program is required to refrain from using space that did not receive building approval and from caring for children in spaces not approved for that age group. The program is required to refrain from using a

remodeled or modified space before obtaining building approval. The program is required to maintain building occupancy limitations.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program was using space for child care in a manner that was not approved by the Ohio Department of Commerce or local certified building authority as noted in number(s) 7 below:

1. The [] room or space was not approved.
2. Children under school age were being cared for in a building only approved for school age.
3. The space had been modified and not yet re-inspected and approved.
4. The [] floor, which had not been approved by the building department for child care, was being used.
5. The building limitation had been exceeded. [] children were being cared for and the building had been approved for [] children.
6. The [] room(s) occupancy had been exceeded. [] children were being cared for in this space that had been approved for [] children.
7. Care was provided to a child less than two and one-half years of age in the "Preschool/School Age" room. This violated the program's building code limitation in that, no one under two and half years may be cared for in that space.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes building approval for use of this space, a written statement that the building occupancy limitations are being maintained, or a written statement that it is no longer being used, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2026

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio

Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Finding: During the inspection, required staff/child ratios were not maintained for different groups on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined for the Infant/Toddler group was 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 6 children. Additionally, a ratio of 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 9 children was determined for the combined Infant/Toddler/Preschool group.

Additional staff members must be hired or current Child Care Staff Members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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: 06/12/2026

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 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: 06/12/2026

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

Code: The rule requires the program to keep their information current in OCLQS.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the information in number(s) 2 below was not up to date in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS):

1. Mailing address
2. Telephone number
3. Email address
4. Days and hours of operation
5. Services offered
6. Name of program
7. Private pay rates

Technical assistance was provided, and as discussed, log on to OCLQS and update the information, as required.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2026

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 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: 06/12/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage

Code: The program is required to store and serve food in a safe manner.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that food was not stored in a safe manner as noted in number(s) 1 and 5 below:

1. The refrigerator did not maintain a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and French Bread Sticks which were to remain frozen were observed to be stored in refrigerator.
2. Milk was not refrigerated for approximately () minutes after being served.
3. Food was observed thawing on the counter.
4. Spoiled food was served to children.
5. The lunch was observed to have been delivered to the program (9:15am) but the temperature was not maintained as food sat in a warmer that was not turned on.

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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2026

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program staff is required to prepare bottles in a safe and sanitary manner, shake the contents of the bottle, and test the temperature of the bottle before serving. Frozen breast milk must be thawed under cold running water or in the refrigerator.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a bottle was not prepared appropriately as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The bottle was heated in the microwave.
2. The container of water used to warm bottles was heated to a temperature hotter than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. The container used for heating bottles was not emptied and cleaned each day.
4. The bottle was not shaken well before feeding.
5. The temperature of the bottle was not tested before feeding.
6. Frozen breast milk was not thawed under cold running water or in the refrigerator.
7. 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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2026

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program staff is required to label bottles containing formula or breast milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that bottles containing breast milk/formula for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and date of preparation. 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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 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, and 7 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: 06/12/2026

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|--------------|---|
| 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-02 License Posted | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Not Verified | |

| 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 |
| 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |

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| 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |

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| 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 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 |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 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 |
| 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care | Not Verified | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Not Verified | |



| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements | Not Verified | |
| 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration | Not Verified | |