Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

# Center Complaint Inspection Summary 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<br>Excel Academy | Program Number<br>2210023970 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>24600 Lake shore blvd Euclid OH 44123 | | County<br>CUYAHOGA |

| Inspection Information | | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Complaint | | Inspection Scope<br>Partial | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Reviewer(s) RENADA FITCH | Inspection Day<br>05/31/2024 | Begin Time<br>11:30 AM | End Time<br>12:00 PM |
| Reviewer(s) RENADA FITCH | Inspection Day<br>06/18/2024 | Begin Time<br>12:45 PM | End Time<br>1:00 PM |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified | No. Rules with Non-compliances | No. Serious Risk | No. Moderate Risk | No. Low Risk |
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| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Comment** |
| Infants | | 1 to 5 | Day 1 |
| Infants | | 1 to 5 | Day 2 |
| Triangles (PS) | | 2 to 15 | Day 2 combined with PS/ PK |
| School Age | | 1 to 28 | Day 1 ratio observed out |
| School Age | | 2 to 25 | Day 2 |

## Complaint Allegations

*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.*

**No Complaints were observed during this inspection.**

## Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

### Serious Risk Non-Compliances

**No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection**

### Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

**Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Findings: During the inspection, a ratio of 1 child care staff member(s) for 28 children was determined to have occurred for the school age group when the situation in number(s) 1 below occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.
2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.
3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.

4. A child care staff member was unable to work.
5. A child was injured in that group.
6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.
7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.
10. Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.
11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.
12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.
13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.
14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.
15. Other [ ].

Additional child care 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: 07/20/2024

**Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that are a potential suffocation risk from cribs.

Findings: 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) 2,4 below:

1. Bib
2. Pacifier clip/ribbon
3. Teething jewelry
4. Blanket for infant under twelve months old
5. Pillow
6. Boppie
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: 07/20/2024

## 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.

Findings: 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) 1 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: 07/20/2024

**Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a child care staff member used a discipline technique to guide or discipline child(ren) that was not developmentally appropriate, consistent, or occurred at the time of the incident. 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: 07/20/2024

**Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to provide cribs with mattresses in good condition and sheets that are not too large or too small for the crib.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets, mattresses and/or mattress covers did not meet the rule requirement as noted in number(s)1 below:

1. At least one crib did not have a sheet.
2. At least one sheet was too large.
3. At least one sheet was too small.
4. At least one sheet was torn.

5. The mattress was not at least one and one-half inches thick.
6. The mattress was not firm.
7. There was space between the mattress and the sides and end panels of the crib which exceeded one and one-half inches.
8. The mattress cover was not waterproof.
9. The mattress cover was torn.
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: 07/20/2024

**Domain:07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care
Code: The program staff is required to hold infants or have the infant sitting up while feeding. The program staff may not place an infant in a crib with a bottle.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not meet the requirements for bottle feeding as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. A bottle was propped for an infant feeding.
2. An infant was placed in a crib with a bottle.
3. An infant was not held or fed sitting up for bottle feedings.

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: 07/20/2024