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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	FIRST STEP PRESCHOOL - NEW FAIRFIELD					License Number	DCCC.14477		Date of Inspection	01/11/2024	
						Expiration Date	3/31/2025		Time of Inspection	10:30 AM	
Address	28 STATE ROUTE 39					Telephone	(203) 746-5197		Licensed Capacity	100	
	NEW FAIRFIELD CT 06812-4029					Hours of Operation	M-F 7:00AM - 5:30pm		Infant/Toddler Capacity	32	
Is this a Change of Address?	Yes?		No?		X				Summer Care	Open	
New Address						Minimum Age Served	6 weeks	Maximum Age Served	12 years	Water Supply	Public Well
						Program's Email	Firststeppreschoolnf@gmail.com				
Operator	FIRST STEP PRESCHOOL, INC.					Name of Inspector	Jaime Fortin				
Director	VIRGINIA BOFFARDI					Inspector's Email	jaime.fortin@ct.gov				
Key: Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	# of Infants – Toddlers Present	17	# of Total Children Present	49	# of Staff Present	12	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL			

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 10/12/2023	
X	1a. False or Misleading Statements	

ADMINISTRATION 19a-79-3a

X	1b. Administration	
X	1bb. Capacity	
X	2. New Staff – Employee Orientation	
X	3. Annual Staff Policy Training	
X	3b. Managing child behavior	
X	4. Documentation of Behavior M. Tech Discussed w/parents	
X	4b. Failure to report	

X	5. Notification of Change		
X	6. Program policies	Including discipline, supervision, child protection, general operating, personnel, closing time	
X	7. Daily Attendance Records- staff and children		
ITEMS POSTED – ACCESSIBLE			
X	8. License		
X	9. Fire Marshal certificate		
	Date	10/12/2023	
X	10. OEC Complaint procedure		
O	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?	Failed to post current Food Service Certificate in a conspicuous location for all 5 restaurants used
	Date	12/31/2023	
X	12. Menus		
X	13. Emergency plans		
X	14. No Smoking Signs		
X	15. Radon Test	N/A?	
	Date	Results	
	11/10/19	.4	
X	15a. Developmental Milestones		
X	15b. Access		
X	15bb. Endorsements		
STAFFING 19a-79-4a			
X	15c. Staffing		
X	16. Staff Health records – TB tests		
X	17. Professional development		
X	18. Disciplinary actions		
X	18b. Background checks		

X	19. Designated Head Teacher					
X	20. Two Staff present					
X	20a. Staff Qualities					
X	21. Ratio: 1 staff to 10 children					
X	21b. Supervision					
X	22. Group Size – maximum 20 children					
X	23. Designated director - Training					
X	24. CPR Certified Staff (Group Home N/A)					
X	25. First Aid Trained Staff					
X	26. Consultants-Agreements and Contracts					
X	27. Logs – Visits documented					
	Not in Compliance?	Education	Health	Social Service	Dental	Dietician N/A?
	Contracts					
	Logs					
	Do they take children swimming?	N SWIMMING				
X	28. Non-swimmers identified					
X	29. Staff/Child Ratios					
X	30. CPR certified staff (20 years of age)					
X	31. Lifeguard certified - supervision					
RECORD KEEPING 19a-79-5a						
X	32. Enrollment information					
X	33. Emergency medical permission					
X	34. Authorized release permission					
X	35. Field trip permission					
X	36. Transportation permission					

X	37. Child health records and immunizations		
X	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)		
X	39. Injury, Illness, Accident reports		
HEALTH AND SAFETY 19a-79-6a			
X	40. Nutritious snacks and meals (required food groups)		
X	41. Proper refrigeration (max 45°)		
X	42. Kitchen separated	N/A?	
X	43. Hand washing – before eating or food handling		
X	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory		
PHYSICAL PLANT 19a-79-7a			
O	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free	Failed to maintain the building, equipment and services safe and hazard free when items/toys were stacked high in infant room and cubby was not secure in toddler room	
X	47b. Plans for new construction, expansion, renovation or conversion		
X	48. Sanitary drinking fountains – disposable cups		
X	49. Lead Water Test (N/A?)	Bacterial/Chemical Test (N/A?)	
	06/27/2023	07/25/2023	
X	50. Walkways maintained		
X	51. Designated staff toilet/sink		
X	52. All openings for ventilation screened		
X	53. Windows protected to prevent falls		
X	54. Glass protected up to 36"		
X	55. Overhead doors – locking devices, spring protectors		
X	56. Exits, Hallways and Stairs unobstructed		

X	57. Individual storage of clothing and bedding	
X	58. Smoking prohibited	
X	59. Matches and lighters inaccessible	
X	60. Electrical safety – outlets/cords	
X	61. Toileting needs met	
X	62. Required toilets, sinks, supplies	
X	63. Potty chairs – nonporous, emptied, disinfected	
X	64. Hand washing after toileting – staff and children	
X	65. Ventilation in toilet rooms	
X	66. Air temperature 65 degrees, thermometer affixed	
X	67. Water temperature 60° – 115°	
X	68. Portable space heaters	
X	69. Walls, ceilings, floors and rugs – clean, good repair	
X	70. Rugs secure	
X	71. Hot water, steam pipes protected	
X	72. Working phone on each level	
X	73. Emergency numbers posted	
X	74. Adequate lighting - 50/30 candle feet	
X	75. Light fixtures shielded, shatter proof	
X	76. Potentially hazardous substances locked	
X	77. Garbage, rubbish disposed daily	

X	78. Stairs protected, good repair, handrails		
X	79. Pets – maintained, care plan	Y/N N	
X	80. Operable CO detector on each level	N/A? Y	
X	81. Program space-adequate square footage per child		
X	82. Equipment clean, good repair, safe, non-toxic		
X	83. Cots stored, maintained, adequate number		
X	84. Developmentally appropriate equipment		
X	85. Hot tubs, spas, saunas – locked and inaccessible	Y/N Y	
X	86. No weapons, no facsimile of a firearm on premises		
OUTDOOR SPACE			
X	87. Outdoor space - adequate square footage per child		
X	88. Impact absorbing material under equipment		
O	89. Playground free from hazards	Failed to ensure the playground is free of hazards when 2 basketball hoops were not secure, a chair was broken with sharp edges and tires stacked near fence where if child stood on then fence would not be 4 feet in height	
X	92. Equipment anchored, safely arranged		
X	93. Outdoor play area protected, fenced		
X	94. Drinking water available, accessible		
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS 19a-79-8a			
X	95. Written plan for daily program available to parents/staff		
X	96. Schedule – Activity choices and Program	Activity choices: developmentally appropriate, flexible, meets individual needs Program includes: indoor/outdoor, gross/fine motor skills, snacks/meals, rest/sleep/quiet time, toileting and clean up	
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS 19a-79-9a			
X	97. Written policies, procedures		
X	98. Training outline on file		

NONPRESCRIPTION TOPICAL MEDICATIONS		
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X99. Administration,
parent permission,
MAR**X**100. Labeling,
storage

ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS		
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X101. Med trained
staff, certificates

O/T/I

Injectable

Y

Y

X102. Authorized
prescriber, parent
permission, MAR**X**103. Labeling,
storage**X**104. Unused,
expired meds
returned/disposed

SELF-ADMINISTRATION		
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X105. Authorized
prescriber, parent
permission, MAR**X**106. Labeling,
storage**X**107. Approved
petition for special
medication
authorization

Yes	Is there an approved endorsement?	INFANT/TODDLER ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-10
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X109. Approved
endorsement**X**110. Ratio: 1 staff to
4 children**X**111. Group size: no
larger than 8**X**112. Physical
barriers, groups of
8 (indoors and
outdoors)**X**113. Adequate sinks
in program space**X**114. Free standing,
well-constructed,
safe cribs**X**

115. Washable cots

X116. Chairs for
feeding, stable,
safety straps,
locking tray**X**117.
Developmentally
appropriate tables,
chairs, equipment**X**118. Refrigerators
and food prop
facilities

X	119. Diaper area-sturdy, safety rail, nonporous, exclusive use			
X	120. Diaper area-washed, disinfected			
X	121. Diaper area-disposable paper sheets			
X	122. Covered waste receptacle			
X	123. Diaper changing policy posted, followed			
X	124. Hand washing policy posted, followed			
X	125. Individual storage of personal items			
X	126. Cribs/cots washed and disinfected			
X	127. Under 12 months- placed on back for sleeping			
X	128. Alternate sleep position-equipment, medical documentation	Yes	No	
			X	
X	129. Crib, bed used for infant sleeping			
X	130. Crib, bed free from observable hazards			
X	131. Infant toys separate, washed, disinfected daily			
X	132. No toys, objects less than 1/1/4" diameter			
X	133. Plastic bags, balloons, Styrofoam objects inaccessible			
X	134. Health consultant, doc. of visits			
X	135. Infants held for bottles, indiv. attention, tummy time			
X	136. Written statement, feeding schedule from parent			
X	137. Unused portions of liquids discarded			
X	138. Clean Bottles, disp. bottles, approved bottle washing			
X	139. Food served from dish or whole jar served			
X	140. Bottles individually identified with child's name			

OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE - UNDER THREE

X	141. Play space fenced	
X	142. Outdoor equipment developmentally appropriate	
Yes	Is there an approved endorsement?	SCHOOL AGE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-11
X	143. Approved endorsement	
X	144. Activity choices appropriate	
X	145. Ratio – 1 staff to 10 children	
X	146. Group size – maximum 20 children	
X	147. Education Consultant appropriate	
No	Is there an approved endorsement?	NIGHT CARE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-12 (10pm-5am)
	148. Approved endorsement	
	149. Written program plan, supervision	
	150. Staff awake and available	
	151. Cot, crib, bedding, toiletries, sleep apparel	
	152. Individual storage of personal items	
	153. Bedding, sleeping apparel laundered weekly	
N	Child with diabetes enrolled?	MONITORING OF DIABETES 19a-79-13
X	154. Written policies and procedures	
X	155. On site staff trained in first aid, glucose testing	
X	156. Training current and documented	
X	157. Supervision of self-administration	
X	158. Equipment, supplies labeled and inaccessible	

X	159. Signed agreement with parents regarding equipment	
X	160. Materials discarded appropriately	
X	161. Authorized prescriber, parent permission	
X	162. Documentation of test results, actions taken	
X	163. Daily written parent notification	

ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS

	62. Consent Order - Negotiated Corrective Action Plan	N/A?	
		X	

YES or NO?
Yes

WERE VIOLATIONS CITED DURING THIS VISIT?

DISCUSSIONS:

1 care plan not signed by all staff. Car rug not secured in 4's room

COMMENTS:

NOTE:

Items left blank on this form were not monitored during this visit.

Only the regulations marked as compliant, non-compliant or not applicable were monitored or discussed.

APPLICANTS: You MAY NOT OPERATE until all requirements have been met and a license has been issued by the Agency.

		DATE CORRECTIONS DUE BY:	
(Signature of OEC Representative)	(Signature of OEC Representative)		(Signature of Person in Charge)
Jaime Fortin		01/25/2024	Virginia Boffardi
(Printed Name)	(Printed Name)		(Printed Name)