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## CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>CREATIVE STARTS LEARNING CENTER</b>				<b>License Number</b>	<b>DCCC.70139</b>	<b>Date of Inspection</b>	<b>01/31/2024</b>		
					<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>9/30/2025</b>	<b>Time of Inspection</b>	<b>09:19 AM</b>		
<b>Address</b>	<b>2189 BARNUM AVE STRATFORD CT 06615-5566</b>				<b>Telephone</b>	<b>(203) 612-7717</b>	<b>Licensed Capacity</b>	<b>45</b>		
					<b>Hours of Operation</b>	<b>MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00AM-6:00PM</b>	<b>Infant/Toddler Capacity</b>	<b>26</b>		
<b>Is this a Change of Address?</b>	<b>Yes?</b>		<b>No?</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Summer Care</b>	<b>Open</b>		
<b>New Address</b>					<b>Minimum Age Served</b>	<b>6 weeks</b>	<b>Maximum Age Served</b>	<b>12 years</b>	<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>Public Water</b>
					<b>Program's Email</b>	<b>marta@creativestartslc.com</b>				
<b>Operator</b>	<b>BARNUM LEARNING CENTER, LLC</b>				<b>Name of Inspector</b>	<b>Fil Montanye</b>				
<b>Director</b>	<b>MARTA SAKLAWSKA</b>				<b>Inspector's Email</b>	<b>filomena.montanye@ct.gov</b>				
<b>Key:</b> Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	<b># of Infants - Toddlers Present</b>	<b>11</b>	<b># of Total Children Present</b>	<b>35</b>	<b># of Staff Present</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Type of Inspection</b>	<b>UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL</b>		

### LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

<b>X</b>	<b>1. Local Health Inspection</b>	
	Date: <b>05/06/2022</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>1a. False or Misleading Statements</b>	

### ADMINISTRATION 19a-79-3a

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

<b>X</b>	5. Notification of Change	
<b>X</b>	6. Program policies	Including discipline, supervision, child protection, general operating, personnel, closing time
<b>X</b>	7. Daily Attendance Records- staff and children	
<b>ITEMS POSTED – ACCESSIBLE</b>		
<b>X</b>	8. License	
<b>X</b>	9. Fire Marshal certificate	
	Date	11/15/2023
<b>X</b>	10. OEC Complaint procedure	
	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?
	Date	X
<b>X</b>	12. Menus	
<b>X</b>	13. Emergency plans	
<b>X</b>	14. No Smoking Signs	
	15. Radon Test	N/A?
	Date	Results
	01/07/20	.8
<b>X</b>	15a. Developmental Milestones	
<b>X</b>	15b. Access	
<b>X</b>	15bb. Endorsements	
<b>STAFFING 19a-79-4a</b>		
<b>X</b>	15c. Staffing	
<b>X</b>	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	
<b>X</b>	17. Professional development	
<b>X</b>	18. Disciplinary actions	
<b>X</b>	18b. Background checks	

<b>X</b>	19. Designated Head Teacher																			
<b>X</b>	20. Two Staff present																			
<b>X</b>	20a. Staff Qualities																			
<b>X</b>	21. Ratio: 1 staff to 10 children																			
<b>X</b>	21b. Supervision																			
<b>X</b>	22. Group Size – maximum 20 children																			
<b>X</b>	23. Designated director - Training																			
<b>X</b>	24. CPR Certified Staff (Group Home N/A)																			
<b>X</b>	25. First Aid Trained Staff																			
<b>○</b>	26. Consultants- Agreements and Contracts	Failed to maintain current consultant agreements for social service and education consultants																		
<b>○</b>	27. Logs – Visits documented	Failed to document annual review of policies, plans, procedures and education programs for education, social service and dental consultant																		
	Not in Compliance?	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Education</th> <th>Health</th> <th>Social Service</th> <th>Dental</th> <th>Dietician N/A?</th> <th>X</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>○</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>○</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>○</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>○</b></td> <td><b>○</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Education	Health	Social Service	Dental	Dietician N/A?	X	<b>○</b>		<b>○</b>				<b>○</b>		<b>○</b>	<b>○</b>		
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Do they take children swimming? <b>N</b> <b>SWIMMING</b>																				
<b>X</b>	28. Non-swimmers identified																			
<b>X</b>	29. Staff/Child Ratios																			
<b>X</b>	30. CPR certified staff (20 years of age)																			
<b>X</b>	31. Lifeguard certified - supervision																			
<b>RECORD KEEPING 19a-79-5a</b>																				
<b>X</b>	32. Enrollment information																			
<b>X</b>	33. Emergency medical permission																			
<b>X</b>	34. Authorized release permission																			
<b>X</b>	35. Field trip permission																			
<b>X</b>	36. Transportation permission																			

<input type="radio"/>	37. Child health records and immunizations	Failed to maintain complete immunization records for 1 child when documentation of flu shot was not available for review	
<input type="radio"/>	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)	Failed to maintain completed individual care plan when 1 care plan was observed not signed by all staff responsible for child's care	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	39. Injury, Illness, Accident reports		
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY 19a-79-6a</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40. Nutritious snacks and meals (required food groups)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41. Proper refrigeration (max 45°)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	42. Kitchen separated	N/A?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	43. Hand washing – before eating or food handling		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory		
<b>PHYSICAL PLANT 19a-79-7a</b>			
<input type="radio"/>	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free	Failed to maintain the building, equipment and services: toilet bases not clean in prek, and in children's bathroom, microwaves not secured throughout, play kitchen sets not secure throughout, loft bookshelf not secure, mat not in good repair in waddlers worn in the middle making it porous	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	47b. Plans for new construction, expansion, renovation or conversion		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	48. Sanitary drinking fountains – disposable cups		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49. Lead Water Test (N/A?) 07/24/2023	Bacterial/Chemical Test (N/A?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50. Walkways maintained		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51. Designated staff toilet/sink		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	52. All openings for ventilation screened		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	53. Windows protected to prevent falls		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	54. Glass protected up to 36"		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	55. Overhead doors – locking devices, spring protectors		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	56. Exits, Hallways and Stairs unobstructed		

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

<b>X</b>	78. Stairs protected, good repair, handrails	
<b>X</b>	79. Pets – maintained, care plan	Y/N N
<b>X</b>	80. Operable CO detector on each level	N/A? Y
<b>X</b>	81. Program space-adequate square footage per child	
<b>X</b>	82. Equipment clean, good repair, safe, non-toxic	
<b>X</b>	83. Cots stored, maintained, adequate number	
<b>X</b>	84. Developmentally appropriate equipment	
<b>X</b>	85. Hot tubs, spas, saunas – locked and inaccessible	Y/N N
<b>X</b>	86. No weapons, no facsimile of a firearm on premises	
<b>OUTDOOR SPACE</b>		
<b>X</b>	87. Outdoor space - adequate square footage per child	
<b>X</b>	88. Impact absorbing material under equipment	
<b>O</b>	89. Playground free from hazards	Failed to ensure the playground is free of hazards when the step 2 small climber slide combination is cracked on the platform, and 1 trike was observed with heavy rust on wheels and body
<b>O</b>	92. Equipment anchored, safely arranged	Failed to ensure outdoor equipment is anchored for stability when large plastic slide is not secured
<b>X</b>	93. Outdoor play area protected, fenced	
<b>X</b>	94. Drinking water available, accessible	
<b>EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS 19a-79-8a</b>		
<b>X</b>	95. Written plan for daily program available to parents/staff	
<b>X</b>	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
<b>ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS 19a-79-9a</b>		
<b>X</b>	97. Written policies, procedures	
<b>X</b>	98. Training outline on file	

NONPRESCRIPTION TOPICAL MEDICATIONS						
<b>X</b>	99. Administration, parent permission, MAR					
<b>X</b>	100. Labeling, storage					
ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS						
<b>X</b>	101. Med trained staff, certificates					
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<b>X</b>	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR					
<b>X</b>	103. Labeling, storage					
<b>○</b>	104. Unused, expired meds returned/disposed	Failed to ensure that unused expired medication is returned to the parent when a proair was on site of a child who graduated this summer				
SELF-ADMINISTRATION						
<b>X</b>	105. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR					
<b>X</b>	106. Labeling, storage					
<b>X</b>	107. Approved petition for special medication authorization					
<b>Yes</b>	Is there an approved endorsement?	<b>INFANT/TODDLER ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-10</b>				
<b>X</b>	109. Approved endorsement					
	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children					
<b>X</b>	111. Group size: no larger than 8					
<b>X</b>	112. Physical barriers, groups of 8 (indoors and outdoors)					
<b>X</b>	113. Adequate sinks in program space					
<b>X</b>	114. Free standing, well-constructed, safe cribs					
<b>X</b>	115. Washable cots					
<b>○</b>	116. Chairs for feeding, stable, safety straps, locking tray	Failed to maintain safety straps in bucket seats in waddlers room when 2 children were observed not strapped in while doing activities				
<b>X</b>	117. Developmentally appropriate tables, chairs, equipment					
<b>X</b>	118. Refrigerators and food prop facilities					

<b>X</b>	119. Diaper area- sturdy, safety rail, nonporous, exclusive use					
<b>X</b>	120. Diaper area- washed, disinfected					
<b>X</b>	121. Diaper area- disposable paper sheets					
<b>X</b>	122. Covered waste receptacle					
<b>X</b>	123. Diaper changing policy posted, followed					
<b>X</b>	124. Hand washing policy posted, followed					
<b>X</b>	125. Individual storage of personal items					
<b>X</b>	126. Cribs/cots washed and disinfected					
<b>X</b>	127. Under 12 months- placed on back for sleeping					
<b>X</b>	128. Alternate sleep position- equipment, medical documentation	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>X</b></td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No		<b>X</b>
Yes	No					
	<b>X</b>					
<b>X</b>	129. Crib, bed used for infant sleeping					
<b>O</b>	130. Crib, bed free from observable hazards	Failed to ensure that soft surfaces and gas-trapping objects are not placed under or with an infant for sleeping when loose sheet on a crib mattress was ' observed in the infant room				
<b>X</b>	131. Infant toys separate, washed, disinfected daily					
<b>X</b>	132. No toys, objects less than 1/1/4" diameter					
<b>X</b>	133. Plastic bags, balloons, Styrofoam objects inaccessible					
<b>X</b>	134. Health consultant, doc. of visits					
<b>X</b>	135. Infants held for bottles, indiv. attention, tummy time					
<b>X</b>	136. Written statement, feeding schedule from parent					
<b>X</b>	137. Unused portions of liquids discarded					
<b>X</b>	138. Clean Bottles, disp. bottles, approved bottle washing					
<b>X</b>	139. Food served from dish or whole jar served					
<b>X</b>	140. Bottles individually identified with child's name					

**OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE - UNDER THREE**

<b>X</b>	141. Play space fenced	
<b>X</b>	142. Outdoor equipment developmentally appropriate	
<b>Yes</b>	Is there an approved endorsement?	<b>SCHOOL AGE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-11</b>
<b>X</b>	143. Approved endorsement	
<b>X</b>	144. Activity choices appropriate	
<b>X</b>	145. Ratio – 1 staff to 10 children	
<b>X</b>	146. Group size – maximum 20 children	
<b>X</b>	147. Education Consultant appropriate	
<b>No</b>	Is there an approved endorsement?	<b>NIGHT CARE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-12 (10pm-5am)</b>
	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	
<b>Y</b>	Child with diabetes enrolled?	<b>MONITORING OF DIABETES 19a-79-13</b>
<b>X</b>	154. Written policies and procedures	
<b>X</b>	155. On site staff trained in first aid, glucose testing	
<b>X</b>	156. Training current and documented	
<b>X</b>	157. Supervision of self-administration	
<b>X</b>	158. Equipment, supplies labeled and inaccessible	

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

**ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS**

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




<u>YES or NO?</u> Yes	<b>WERE VIOLATIONS CITED DURING THIS VISIT?</b>
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**DISCUSSIONS:**

- 1) upon arrival in waddler classroom child walking around with bottle
- 2) gate to playground does not open all the way
- 3) front of fridge not clean in young preschool room
- 4) microwave not clean in young preschool room ( interior top)
- 5) rug curling up in young preschool 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.

 (Signature of OEC Representative)	 (Signature of OEC Representative)	DATE CORRECTIONS DUE BY:	 (Signature of Person in Charge)
<b>Fil Montanye</b> (Printed Name)	 (Printed Name)	<b>02/14/2024</b>	<b>Marta Saklawska s</b> (Printed Name)