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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	LITTLE STEPS DAYCARE				License Number	DCCC.70553	Date of Inspection	03/11/2024
					Expiration Date	7/31/2024	Time of Inspection	09:23 AM
Address	575 MONROE TPKE				Telephone	(203) 590-3638	Licensed Capacity	39
	MONROE		CT	06468-2310	Hours of Operation	M-F 6:30AM - 5:30PM	Infant/Toddler Capacity	23
Is this a Change of Address?	Yes?		No?	X			Summer Care	Open
New Address					Minimum Age Served	6 weeks	Maximum Age Served	10 years
					Program's Email	little.steps.childdaycare@gmail.com		
Operator	LITTLE STEPS DAYCARE LLC				Name of Inspector	Jaime Fortin		
Director	MARIA G FERREIRA				Inspector's Email	jaime.fortin@ct.gov		
Key: Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	15	# of Total Children Present	27	# of Staff Present	7	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 04/26/2022	
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	03/13/2023
X	10. OEC Complaint procedure	
	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?
	Date	X
X	12. Menus	
X	13. Emergency plans	
X	14. No Smoking Signs	
X	15. Radon Test	N/A?
	Date	Results
	03/20/2020	2.9
X	15a. Developmental Milestones	
X	15b. Access	
X	15bb. Endorsements	
STAFFING 19a-79-4a		
X	15c. Staffing	
○	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	Failed to maintain current medical statement(s) for 1 out of 3 staff
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? X
	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					

O	37. Child health records and immunizations	Failed to maintain current health records for children: 1 physical and current flu shot not observed out of 4	
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			
X	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free		
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?)	
	04/21/2022	04/21/2022	
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 N	
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		
X	89. Playground free from hazards		
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		
<input type="radio"/>	99. Administration, parent permission, MAR	Failed to maintain non-topical forms with a start/ end date. Failed to list 1 non-topical ointment per form and failed to log use on Medication administration record.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100. Labeling, storage	

ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	101. Med trained staff, certificates					
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Y	Y					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	103. Labeling, storage					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	104. Unused, expired meds returned/disposed					

SELF-ADMINISTRATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	105. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	106. Labeling, storage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	107. Approved petition for special medication authorization	

INFANT/TODDLER ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-10		
Yes	Is there an approved endorsement?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	109. Approved endorsement	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	111. Group size: no larger than 8	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	112. Physical barriers, groups of 8 (indoors and outdoors)	
<input type="radio"/>	113. Adequate sinks in program space	Failed to maintain a separate sink for purposes other than hand washing after diapering-paint brushes observed in toddler hand washing sink
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	114. Free standing, well-constructed, safe cribs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	115. Washable cots	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	116. Chairs for feeding, stable, safety straps, locking tray	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	117. Developmentally appropriate tables, chairs, equipment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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			
O	132. No toys, objects less than 1/1/4" diameter	Failed to ensure objects with removable parts that have a diameter of less than 1 1/4" is not accessible to children-toddler room drawer accessible with small items- elastics and batteries		
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?
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DISCUSSIONS:

Per owner no child enrolled requires medications. 1 round rug in prek room(not in use)not secured. 1st aid kits missing second ice pack and triangular bandage.

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: 03/25/2024	 (Signature of Person in Charge)
Jaime Fortin (Printed Name)	 (Printed Name)		Maria grace ferreira (Printed Name)