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**CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME
 INSPECTION**

Program Name	PIECES OF THE PUZZLE EARLY LEARNING CENTER SITE #2				License Number	DCCC.70737		Date of Inspection	05/14/2024		
					Expiration Date	11/30/2027		Time of Inspection	08:15 AM		
Address	1079 BRIDGEPORT AVE SHELTON CT 06484-4675				Telephone	(203) 275-7940		Licensed Capacity	71		
					Hours of Operation	M-F 7:00AM - 6:00PM		Infant/Toddler Capacity	37		
Is this a Change of Address?		Yes?			No?			X			
New Address					Minimum Age Served	6 weeks	Maximum Age Served	12 years	Water Supply	Public Water	
					Program's Email	piecesofthepuzzle.elc@gmail.com					
Operator	PIECES OF THE PUZZLE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LLC				Name of Inspector	Terri Ruducha-Roberts					
Director	DANAISHA A LAWRENCE				Inspector's Email	terri.ruducha-roberts@ct.gov					
Key:	Compliant = X	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	17	# of Total Children Present	17	# of Staff Present	5	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL		
Non-Compliant = O											

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 10/31/2023	
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	
O	6. Program policies	Including discipline, supervision, child protection, general operating, personnel, closing time Failed to implement policies, plans and procedures when two staff in toddler room failed to follow diapering procedures when both staff didn't wash their hands and the children's hands before and after diapering with 6 children and also did not disinfect the changing table at all.
X	7. Daily Attendance Records- staff and children	
ITEMS POSTED – ACCESSIBLE		
X	8. License	
X	9. Fire Marshal certificate	
	Date	09/28/2023
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
	11/01/2023	1.6pci/l
X	15a. Developmental Milestones	
X	15b. Access	
X	15bb. Endorsements	
STAFFING 19a-79-4a		
X	15c. Staffing	
X	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	
O	17. Professional development	Failed to document professional development when 2 of 5 didn't meet required hours and 2 had no record for review
X	18. Disciplinary actions	
O	18b. Background checks	Failed to ensure staff have completed background checks when 1 staff in needs background check observed providing direct care

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					

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			
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?) 11/10/2023	Bacterial/Chemical Test (N/A?) X	
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	
O	65. Ventilation in toilet rooms	Failed to ensure that toilet rooms have mechanical ventilation in 1 bathroom
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	
O	89. Playground free from hazards	Failed to ensure the playground is free of glass, debris, holes and other hazards when gate screws protruding
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						
X	99. Administration, parent permission, MAR					
O	100. Labeling, storage	Failed to maintain proper storage of medication when they were accessible in all under three classrooms under the diapering table				
ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS						
X	101. Med trained staff, certificates					
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Y	Y					
X	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR					
X	103. Labeling, storage					
X	104. Unused, expired meds returned/disposed					
SELF-ADMINISTRATION						
X	105. 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				
X	109. Approved endorsement					
O	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children	Failed to maintain proper staff/child ratios when 1:5 observed in curious twos's from 9:15 to 9:20am				
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					
X	116. 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					
O	120. Diaper area- washed, disinfected	Failed to ensure the diaper area is washed and disinfected after each use as observed in curious two's when 6 children's diapers were changed between two staff and table was never washed and 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	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>X</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No		X
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/COMMENTS

Program windows are not protected from falls, however, after a supervisory review it was determined complaint as program does not open any windows and are locked.
Overhead trash can missing in one under three room, it was located on other side.

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: 05/28/2024	 (Signature of Person in Charge)
Terri Ruducha-Roberts (Printed Name)	 (Printed Name)		Veronica Kelly (Printed Name)