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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	THE LEARNING TREE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER				License Number	DCCC.15703	Date of Inspection	06/24/2024			
					Expiration Date	3/31/2026	Time of Inspection	09:16 AM			
Address	785 RIDGE RD HAMDEN CT 06517-2138				Telephone	(203) 288-2375	Licensed Capacity	93			
					Hours of Operation	FROM: 7:30AM TO: 5:30PM	Infant/Toddler Capacity	48			
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 Water	
					Program's Email	jverrier@cmihamdens.org					
Operator	CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL				Name of Inspector	Jenn Schulz					
Director	JENNIFER L. PENNUCCI				Inspector's Email	jennifer.schulz@ct.gov					
Key:	Compliant = X	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	23	# of Total Children Present	33	# of Staff Present	13	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL		
Non-Compliant = O											

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 04/16/2024	
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	05/02/2024
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
	01/25/2016	1.3
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	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 when multiple classroom refrigerators placed on top of refrigerators, in classrooms, and to not be secure. Observed Ivy growing through radiator into gross motor room, accessible to children. Room not in use during visit.
X	47b. Plans for new construction, expansion, renovation or conversion	
X	48. Sanitary drinking fountains – disposable cups	
X	49. Lead Water Test (N/A?) 04/05/2024	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	
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	
O	69. Walls, ceilings, floors and rugs – clean, good repair	Failed to maintain walls, ceilings, floors and rugs in a good state of repair when ceiling vents and Ac ceiling vents were observed to have accumulated dust.
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	
O	82. Equipment clean, good repair, safe, non-toxic	Failed to ensure that equipment is free from rust when two microwaves, in classrooms were observed to have rusted areas inside. Observed one large rusted nail/bolt exposed on under 3 playground in wood timbers around sand box.
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	
O	88. Impact absorbing material under equipment	Failed to ensure a minimum of 8 inches of impact absorbing materials under climbing structures and slides and in all fall zones.
O	89. Playground free from hazards	Failed to ensure the playground is free of glass, debris, holes and other hazards when the little types water/sensory station on the preschool program was observed to have large crack and hole with sharp edges. Observed wood sandbox timber, on under 3 playground to be deteriorating and to have sharp edges.
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 complete written parent permission for medication when more than 12 parent permission topical forms were observed to not have start and/or end dates. Observed one tube of diaper cream without parent permission.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100. Labeling, storage	

ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	101. Med trained staff, certificates O/T/I Injectable	
<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 type="radio"/>	112. Physical barriers, groups of 8 (indoors and outdoors)	Failed to maintain a physical barrier separating each group of 8 children indoors when 3 under 3 classrooms were observed with the classroom doors open and no gate or barrier in place.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	113. Adequate sinks in program space	
<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 prep 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/COMMENTS

Observed perimeter fencing on under 3 playground to just barely measure 48". Due to slope/grade of yard wood chips accumulate in lower back corner, effecting the height.
 Observed 1 out of 8 staff health records to be expired (within the month)
 Observed 1 drawer in under 3 room, to not be locked, with choke hazards, fixed immediately during visit.

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: 07/08/2024	 (Signature of Person in Charge)
Jenn Schulz (Printed Name)	 (Printed Name)		Jennifer Verrier (Printed Name)