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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	STRONG START EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION				License Number	DCCC.70231		Date of Inspection	06/26/2024	
					Expiration Date	4/30/2027		Time of Inspection	08:20 AM	
Address	56 QUARRY RD TRUMBULL CT 06611-4874				Telephone	(203) 816-6884		Licensed Capacity	208	
					Hours of Operation	M-F 7:30 AM - 6PM		Infant/Toddler Capacity	128	
Is this a Change of Address?	Yes?		No?	X				Summer Care	Open	
New Address					Minimum Age Served	6 weeks	Maximum Age Served	5 years	Water Supply	Public Water
					Program's Email	christina@astrongstart.com				
Operator	STRONG START EARLY LEARNING CENTER LLC				Name of Inspector	Terri Ruducha-Roberts				
Director	DAISY FARRUGIA				Inspector's Email	terri.ruducha-roberts@ct.gov				
Key:	Compliant = X	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	35	# of Total Children Present	55	# of Staff Present	23	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL	
Non-Compliant = O										

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 03/12/2024	
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	
O	4. Documentation of Behavior M. Tech Discussed w/parents	Failed to maintain documentation that behavior management techniques were discussed with parents when 4 were not available for review
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	
O	9. Fire Marshal certificate	Failed to maintain a current fire marshal inspection
	Date	11/10/2022
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
	03/05/2015	.5
X	15a. Developmental Milestones	
X	15b. Access	
X	15bb. Endorsements	
STAFFING 19a-79-4a		
X	15c. Staffing	
O	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	Failed to maintain current medical statement(s) when 4 staff physical expired and 2 TB's missing
O	17. Professional development	Failed to document professional development when 4 staff had no documentation of professional development for 2022-2023 and 3 didn't meet required hours
X	18. Disciplinary actions	
X	18b. Background checks	

<input type="radio"/>	37. Child health records and immunizations	Failed to maintain current health records for children for 2 children	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)		
<input type="radio"/>	39. Injury, Illness, Accident reports	Failed to maintain illness reports for children	
HEALTH AND SAFETY 19a-79-6a			
<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		
PHYSICAL PLANT 19a-79-7a			
<input type="radio"/>	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free	Failed to maintain the building, equipment and services when dust pans were dirty throughout, cubbies not secure in room 10, 11 and play refrigerator not secured in room 10, observed trash can overflowing in garden area of playground and gloves on ground next to trash can.	
<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?) 05/15/2023	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		

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 are ventilated to the outside when bathroom ventilation not working in rooms 1 and 9
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 rugs not clean in rooms 16 and 20
X	70. Rugs secure	Failed to ensure that rugs are secured to the floor n room 15
X	71. Hot water, steam pipes protected	
X	72. Working phone on each level	
X	73. Emergency numbers posted	
	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 Y
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 a hole was observed in the poured rubber surface posing a trip hazard and rust accessible on a tonk truck in the riding toy playground
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					
X	100. Labeling, storage					
ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS						
X	101. Med trained staff, certificates					
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Y	Y					
○	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR	Failed to maintain current written orders when 4 were expired in rooms 2,6 and 13				
X	103. Labeling, storage					
○	104. Unused, expired meds returned/disposed	Failed to ensure that expired medication is destroyed or returned to the parent when a Tylenol expired 3/2024				
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					
○	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children	Failed to maintain proper staff/child ratios when 1:5 observed in room 4				
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			
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	
No	Is there an approved endorsement?	SCHOOL AGE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-11
	143. Approved endorsement	
	144. Activity choices appropriate	
	145. Ratio – 1 staff to 10 children	
	146. Group size – maximum 20 children	
	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 wet jets with cleaning solution in them hung in classroom and bathrooms.
 Also observed disinfectant sprays unlocked in staff bathrooms and paint cans and cleaning supplies not locked in utility closet
 1 ceiling tile stained in room room 19
 1 child had no documentation of a flu vaccine for this past flu season
 1 staff did not wash her/the child's hands before diaper changing.

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)
Terri Ruducha-Roberts (Printed Name)	Karen Kellerman (Printed Name)	07/10/2024	Daisy Farrugia (Printed Name)