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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	NEXT STEP LEARNING CENTER				License Number	DCCC.70698	Date of Inspection	07/16/2024		
					Expiration Date	3/31/2027	Time of Inspection	12:18 PM		
Address	1154 BLUE HILLS AVE BLOOMFIELD CT 06002-1981				Telephone	(860) 370-1231	Licensed Capacity	32		
					Hours of Operation	Mon - Fri 5:00am - 8:00pm	Infant/Toddler Capacity	22		
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	nextstepcenter@gmail.com				
Operator	NEXT STEP LEARNING CENTER LLC				Name of Inspector	Johanne Dalo				
Director	MADELINE SANTIAGO				Inspector's Email	johanne.dalo@ct.gov				
Key: Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	12	# of Total Children Present	19	# of Staff Present	5	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL		

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 08/11/2022	
X	1a. False or Misleading Statements	

ADMINISTRATION 19a-79-3a

X	1b. Administration	
X	1bb. Capacity	
X	2. New Staff – Employee Orientation	
O	3. Annual Staff Policy Training	Failed to train staff on policies, plans and procedures when observed 3 staff without documentation of 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 for 1 child.
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	11/17/2022
X	10. OEC Complaint procedure	
	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?
	Date	
O	12. Menus	Failed to prepare and post menus at least 1 week in advance. Observed May 2024 menus.
X	13. Emergency plans	
X	14. No Smoking Signs	
X	15. Radon Test	N/A?
	Date	Results
	01/13/2023	<0.5pCi/L
X	15a. Developmental Milestones	
X	15b. Access	
X	15bb. 32-36 mths enrolled in prek-permissions	
STAFFING 19a-79-4a		
X	15c. Staffing	
O	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	Failed to maintain current medical statement(s) for 2 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?
	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					

<input type="radio"/>	37. Child health records and immunizations	Failed to maintain current health records for children for 1 child.	
<input type="radio"/>	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)	Failed to maintain complete individual care plans for a child with epinephrine and Benadryl.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	39. Injury, Illness, Accident reports		
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 type="radio"/>	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory	Failed to maintain complete first aid kit(s) when observed manual older than 5 years and missing tweezers and CPR barrier.	
PHYSICAL PLANT 19a-79-7a			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free		
<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?) 05/29/2024	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	
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 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	
O	88. Impact absorbing material under equipment	Failed to ensure a minimum of 8 inches of impact absorbing materials.
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 current written parent permission for medication when observed 4 expired form and two incomplete form (missing schedule, site, date range)
<input type="radio"/>	100. Labeling, storage	Failed to maintain proper storage of medication when observed diaper creams accessible to children in bathroom.

ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	101. Med trained staff, certificates O/T/I Injectable Y Y	
<input type="radio"/>	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR	Failed to maintain written order from prescriber for medication for mucus and cold relief.
<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 designate sinks for diaper changing and hand washing of staff and children in three rooms.
<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			
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 1 bottle of Febreze in bathroom not locked.
- program has a fish, no pet care plan was observed.
- program has children coming on a part time basis, health consultant visits are made on Fridays between 9:00-12:00am. Health consultant does not see all the children.
- Diaper changing policies not posted in one room.
- 1 enrollment form without date of enrollement.

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 Person in Charge)
Johanne Dalo (Printed Name)	Madeline Santiago (Printed Name)

DATE
CORRECTIONS
DUE BY:

07/30/2024