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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	BRANFORD EARLY LEARNING CENTER				License Number	DCCC.13900	Date of Inspection	08/06/2024		
					Expiration Date	9/30/2026	Time of Inspection	12:39 PM		
Address	16 BIRCH RD BRANFORD CT 06405-6401				Telephone	(203) 488-4512	Licensed Capacity	70		
					Hours of Operation	FROM: 7:30AM TO: 5:30PM; PM HOURS FROM: TO:	Infant/Toddler Capacity	16		
Is this a Change of Address?	Yes?		No?	X			Summer Care	Open		
New Address					Minimum Age Served	6 weeks	Maximum Age Served	9 years	Water Supply	Public Water
					Program's Email	dianepappacoda@yahoo.com				
Operator	BRANFORD EARLY LEARNING CENTER INC				Name of Inspector	Fil Montanye				
Director	DIANE PAPPACODA				Inspector's Email	filomena.montanye@ct.gov				
Key: Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	13	# of Total Children Present	44	# of Staff Present	8	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL		

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 04/19/2023	
X	1a. False or Misleading Statements	

ADMINISTRATION 19a-79-3a

X	1b. Administration	
X	1bb. Capacity	
O	2. New Staff – Employee Orientation	Failed to provide new staff-employee orientation for 1 staff
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	

<input type="radio"/>	5. Notification of Change	Failed to provide notification of change for new director, new legal representative and new head teacher	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Program policies	Including discipline, supervision, child protection, general operating, personnel, closing time	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Daily Attendance Records- staff and children		
ITEMS POSTED – ACCESSIBLE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. License		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Fire Marshal certificate		
	Date	09/29/2023	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. OEC Complaint procedure		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?	
	Date	04/01/2025	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12. Menus		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. Emergency plans		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14. No Smoking Signs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15. Radon Test	N/A?	
	Date	Results	
	03/03/2000	.6	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15a. Developmental Milestones		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15b. Access		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15bb. 32-36 mths enrolled in prek-permissions		
STAFFING 19a-79-4a			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15c. Staffing		
<input type="radio"/>	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	Failed to maintain current medical statement for 2 staff . Failed to maintain medical statement and TB results for 1 new staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17. Professional development		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18. Disciplinary actions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18b. Background checks		

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19. Designated Head Teacher																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20. Two Staff present																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20a. Staff Qualities																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21. Ratio: 1 staff to 10 children																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21b. Supervision																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22. Group Size – maximum 20 children																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23. Designated director - Training																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24. CPR Certified Staff (Group Home N/A)																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25. First Aid Trained Staff																			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26. Consultants- Agreements and Contracts	Failed to maintain current consultant agreements for all consultants																		
<input type="checkbox"/>	27. Logs – Visits documented	Failed to document annual review of policies, plans, procedures and education programs for all consultants. Failed to have health consultant visit quarterly for over 3s classrooms																		
	Not in Compliance?	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Education</th> <th>Health</th> <th>Social Service</th> <th>Dental</th> <th>Dietician N/A?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Contracts</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logs</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Education	Health	Social Service	Dental	Dietician N/A?	Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Logs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Do they take children swimming?	N SWIMMING																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28. Non-swimmers identified																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29. Staff/Child Ratios																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30. CPR certified staff (20 years of age)																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. Lifeguard certified - supervision																			
RECORD KEEPING 19a-79-5a																				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Enrollment information																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33. Emergency medical permission																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	34. Authorized release permission																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35. Field trip permission																			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	36. Transportation permission																			

<input type="radio"/>	37. Child health records and immunizations	Failed to maintain current health records for 1 out of 8 children's files sampled	
<input type="radio"/>	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)	Failed to maintain complete individual care plans when 2 care plans were observed not signed by parents. 1 care plan not clear as to child needing Benadryl (states that other meds prescribed...) Benadryl on site but no med order for it.	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory		
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?) 07/12/2024	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 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		
O	98. Training outline on file	Failed to maintain outline of medication training	

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					
O	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR	Failed to maintain written order from prescriber for medication on site (Bendryl)				
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					
X	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children					
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	<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					
O	134. Health consultant, doc. of visits	Failed to ensure the health consultant visits weekly on the days and times children under age 3 are present. Documentation of logs only up to 8/2023				
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

X	62. Consent Order - Negotiated Corrective Action Plan	N/A?	
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YES or NO?
Yes




WERE VIOLATIONS CITED DURING THIS VISIT?

DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS

- 1) Observed 4 staff school aged children in attendance (3 in office with parent not in ratio and 1 in preschool classroom. Classroom in ratio) all children attending must have current enrollment forms and physicals) Program does have a school aged endorsement
- 2) Annual Review of Policies must be a documented training
- 3) Last documented professional development was 12/20/23 for all staff sampled
- 4) Provided new complaint procedure to be posted
- 5) Vegetation growing through toddler fence
- 6) 4 cribs with manufacturer date of 6/2011 crib compliance documentation not on site

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)
Fil Montanye (Printed Name)	 (Printed Name)	08/20/2024	Ariana Loyola (Printed Name)