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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	TVCCA LITTLE LEARNERS - HEAD START-GROTON				License Number	DCCC.16705	Date of Inspection	09/05/2024		
					Expiration Date	5/31/2025	Time of Inspection	09:39 AM		
Address	40 1/2 CENTRAL AVE GROTON CT 06340-5906				Telephone	(860) 448-6406	Licensed Capacity	95		
					Hours of Operation	7AM-5PM M-F	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	5 years	Water Supply	Public Water
					Program's Email	dpoirier@tvcca.org				
Operator	THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION INC				Name of Inspector	Jenn Schulz				
Director	NICHOLE MAIN				Inspector's Email	jennifer.schulz@ct.gov				
Key: Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	# of Infants - Toddlers Present	13	# of Total Children Present	29	# of Staff Present	14	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL		

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 12/20/2023	
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	
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	05/23/2024
X	10. OEC Complaint procedure	
X	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?
	Date	05/31/2025
X	12. Menus	
X	13. Emergency plans	
X	14. No Smoking Signs	
X	15. Radon Test	N/A?
	Date	Results
	01/14/2016	0.3
X	15a. Developmental Milestones	
X	15b. Access	
X	15bb. 32-36 mths enrolled in prek-permissions	
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	

<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="radio"/>	26. Consultants- Agreements and Contracts	Failed to maintain current consultant agreement for the education consultant when the agreement was signed more than 1 year past.																				
<input type="radio"/>	27. Logs – Visits documented	Failed to document annual review of policies, plans, procedures and education programs when no documentation of annual review was observed.																				
	Not in Compliance?	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Education</th> <th>Health</th> <th>Social Service</th> <th>Dental</th> <th>Dietician N/A?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contracts</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logs</td> <td></td> <td><input type="radio"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Education	Health	Social Service	Dental	Dietician N/A?	<input type="radio"/>					Contracts					Logs		<input type="radio"/>		
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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																					

X	37. Child health records and immunizations	
O	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)	Failed to maintain complete individual care plans when two care Poland's were observed to not be signed by the parents/guardians.
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	
O	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory	Failed to maintain complete first aid kit(s) for 3 classrooms when all 3 first aid kits were missing current, within 5 years, first aid guide. (pearl, diamond and ruby classrooms) Emerald classroom not currently in use.
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?) 10/13/2023	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	
X	65. Ventilation in toilet rooms	
X	66. Air temperature 65 degrees, thermometer affixed	
○	67. Water temperature 60° – 115°	Failed to ensure the water temperature is between 60-115 degrees in both head start classrooms, emerald class and diamond class.
X	68. Portable space heaters	
○	69. Walls, ceilings, floors and rugs – clean, good repair	Failed to maintain walls, ceilings, floors and rugs in a good state of repair when dusty ceiling tiles, dusty ceiling vents and dusty bathroom vents were observed in Diamond classroom. Observed missing paint from windowsill in diamond room and area of exposed wall board in Ruby room, by car rug.
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 climber on the head start playground was observed to have exposed screw/bolt and stairway edging to be rusty.
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	
X	98. Training outline on file	

NONPRESCRIPTION TOPICAL MEDICATIONS		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	99. Administration, parent permission, MAR	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100. Labeling, storage	
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 complete written orders for two medications on site. Administration forms missing parent authorization to administer.
<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	
Yes	Is there an approved endorsement?	INFANT/TODDLER ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-10
<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 both under 3 classrooms when staff indicated they use sinks for purposes other than handwashing and play dough container was observed in infant hand wash sink. Hand wash only sinks not identified in these classrooms.
<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			
O	136. Written statement, feeding schedule from parent	Failed to maintain a written statement specifying the feeding schedule for infants to be missing the indication of bottle food source of formula or breast milk.		
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 15 children	
	146. Group size – maximum 30 children	
	146b. 4 yr olds enrolled in school age-permissions	
	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 new OEC complaint procedure to be posted.
 Program provided current enrollment and vacancies.
 Observed Health consultant to not have visited the program approximately 9 times since January. Discussed with site manager and Little Learners Program Director that health consultant required to visit weekly due to under 3 enrollment.
 Emerald classroom not currently in use. Classroom, which is a free standing building is currently used as storage space and not set up for classroom use.

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: 09/19/2024	 (Signature of Person in Charge)
Jenn Schulz (Printed Name)	 (Printed Name)		Nichole Main (Printed Name)