



## DIVISION OF LICENSING

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### CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>HOME AWAY FROM HOME DAYCARE &amp; PRESCHOOL CENTER</b>				<b>License Number</b>	<b>DCCC.70510</b>		<b>Date of Inspection</b>	<b>10/09/2024</b>	
					<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>8/31/2027</b>		<b>Time of Inspection</b>	<b>08:30 AM</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>188 ROCKY REST RD LOWR LEVEL SHELTON CT 06484-4234</b>				<b>Telephone</b>	<b>(475) 269-5073</b>		<b>Licensed Capacity</b>	<b>40</b>	
					<b>Hours of Operation</b>	<b>MONDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-6PM</b>		<b>Infant/Toddler Capacity</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Is this a Change of Address?</b>	<b>Yes?</b>		<b>No?</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Summer Care</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>New Address</b>					<b>Minimum Age Served</b>	<b>6 weeks</b>	<b>Maximum Age Served</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>Public Water</b>
					<b>Program's Email</b>	<b>heather.hafh@gmail.com</b>				
<b>Operator</b>	<b>HOME AWAY FROM HOME DAYCARE &amp; PRESCHOOL CENTER LLC</b>				<b>Name of Inspector</b>	<b>Terri Ruducha-Roberts</b>				
<b>Director</b>	<b>HEATHER BENNETTE</b>				<b>Inspector's Email</b>	<b>terri.ruducha-roberts@ct.gov</b>				
<b>Key:</b> Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	<b># of Infants - Toddlers Present</b>	<b>13</b>	<b># of Total Children Present</b>	<b>22</b>	<b># of Staff Present</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Type of Inspection</b>	<b>UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL</b>		

#### LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

<b>X</b>	<b>1. Local Health Inspection</b>	
	Date: <b>06/04/2024</b>	
<b>O</b>	<b>1a. False or Misleading Statements</b>	Program knowingly furnished or made false or misleading statement(s) when staff reported another staff was in the room with 9 children when she was at the door speaking to a parent. The other staff reported she was not in the preschool room at the time.

#### ADMINISTRATION 19a-79-3a

<b>X</b>	<b>1b. Administration</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>1bb. Capacity</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>2. New Staff – Employee Orientation</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>3. Annual Staff Policy Training</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>3b. Managing child behavior</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>4. Documentation of Behavior M. Tech Discussed w/parents</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>4b. Failure to report</b>	

<b>X</b>	5. Notification of Change	
<b>X</b>	6. Program policies	Including discipline, supervision, child protection, general operating, personnel, closing time
<b>X</b>	7. Daily Attendance Records- staff and children	
<b>ITEMS POSTED – ACCESSIBLE</b>		
<b>X</b>	8. License	
<b>X</b>	9. Fire Marshal certificate	
	Date	06/05/2024
<b>X</b>	10. OEC Complaint procedure	
	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?
	Date	X
<b>X</b>	12. Menus	
<b>X</b>	13. Emergency plans	
<b>X</b>	14. No Smoking Signs	
<b>X</b>	15. Radon Test	N/A?
	Date	Results
	11/11/2019	2.8 and
<b>X</b>	15a. Developmental Milestones	
<b>X</b>	15b. Access	
<b>X</b>	15bb. 32-36 mths enrolled in prek-permissions	
<b>STAFFING 19a-79-4a</b>		
<b>X</b>	15c. Staffing	
<b>X</b>	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	
<b>O</b>	17. Professional development	When 5 of 6 failed to meet 1% required hours for 11/22 to 10/23
<b>X</b>	18. Disciplinary actions	
<b>X</b>	18b. Background checks	

<b>X</b>	19. Designated Head Teacher																			
<b>X</b>	20. Two Staff present																			
<b>X</b>	20a. Staff Qualities																			
<b>X</b>	21. Ratio: 1 staff to 10 children	Failed to maintain proper staff/child ratios when																		
<b>O</b>	21b. Supervision	Failed to ensure the supervision of children at all times while indoors when staff left a room of 9 preschool age children to answer the door and speak to a parent																		
<b>X</b>	22. Group Size – maximum 20 children																			
<b>X</b>	23. Designated director - Training																			
<b>X</b>	24. CPR Certified Staff (Group Home N/A)																			
<b>X</b>	25. First Aid Trained Staff																			
<b>X</b>	26. Consultants- Agreements and Contracts																			
<b>X</b>	27. Logs – Visits documented																			
	Not in Compliance?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td>Health</td> <td>Social Service</td> <td>Dental</td> <td>Dietician N/A?</td> <td><b>X</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contracts</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logs</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Education	Health	Social Service	Dental	Dietician N/A?	<b>X</b>	Contracts						Logs					
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	Do they take children swimming?	<b>N</b> <b>SWIMMING</b>																		
<b>X</b>	28. Non-swimmers identified																			
<b>X</b>	29. Staff/Child Ratios																			
<b>X</b>	30. CPR certified staff (20 years of age)																			
<b>X</b>	31. Lifeguard certified - supervision																			
<b>RECORD KEEPING 19a-79-5a</b>																				
<b>X</b>	32. Enrollment information																			
<b>X</b>	33. Emergency medical permission																			
<b>X</b>	34. Authorized release permission																			
<b>X</b>	35. Field trip permission																			
<b>X</b>	36. Transportation permission																			

<b>X</b>	37. Child health records and immunizations		
<b>O</b>	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)	Failed to maintain complete individual care plans when 5 of 5 had no staff signatures and 2 of 5 had not parent signature	
<b>O</b>	39. Injury, Illness, Accident reports	Failed to maintain complete injury, illness, accident for children when action taken is not documented	
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY 19a-79-6a</b>			
<b>X</b>	40. Nutritious snacks and meals (required food groups)		
<b>X</b>	41. Proper refrigeration (max 45°)		
<b>X</b>	42. Kitchen separated	N/A?	
<b>X</b>	43. Hand washing – before eating or food handling		
<b>X</b>	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory		
<b>PHYSICAL PLANT 19a-79-7a</b>			
<b>O</b>	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free	Failed to maintain the building, equipment and services when 2 portable sinks did not have water	
<b>X</b>	47b. Plans for new construction, expansion, renovation or conversion		
<b>X</b>	48. Sanitary drinking fountains – disposable cups		
<b>X</b>	49. Lead Water Test (N/A?) 03/12/2024	Bacterial/Chemical Test (N/A?)	<b>X</b>
<b>X</b>	50. Walkways maintained		
<b>X</b>	51. Designated staff toilet/sink		
<b>X</b>	52. All openings for ventilation screened		
<b>X</b>	53. Windows protected to prevent falls		
<b>X</b>	54. Glass protected up to 36"		
<b>X</b>	55. Overhead doors – locking devices, spring protectors		
<b>X</b>	56. Exits, Hallways and Stairs unobstructed		

<b>X</b>	57. Individual storage of clothing and bedding	
<b>X</b>	58. Smoking prohibited	
<b>X</b>	59. Matches and lighters inaccessible	
<b>X</b>	60. Electrical safety – outlets/cords	
<b>X</b>	61. Toileting needs met	
<b>X</b>	62. Required toilets, sinks, supplies	
<b>X</b>	63. Potty chairs – nonporous, emptied, disinfected	
<b>X</b>	64. Hand washing after toileting – staff and children	
<b>O</b>	65. Ventilation in toilet rooms	Failed to ensure that toilet rooms have mechanical ventilation in staff bathroom and no working in Childrens bathroom
<b>X</b>	66. Air temperature 65 degrees, thermometer affixed	
<b>X</b>	67. Water temperature 60° – 115°	
<b>X</b>	68. Portable space heaters	
<b>X</b>	69. Walls, ceilings, floors and rugs – clean, good repair	
<b>X</b>	70. Rugs secure	
<b>X</b>	71. Hot water, steam pipes protected	
<b>X</b>	72. Working phone on each level	
<b>X</b>	73. Emergency numbers posted	
<b>O</b>	74. Adequate lighting - 50/30 candle feet	Failed to maintain at least 50 candle feet of light in rooms used for reading, painting and other close work in the toddler room, light bulbs out in ceiling
<b>X</b>	75. Light fixtures shielded, shatter proof	Failed to maintain light fixtures that are shielded or shatter proof
<b>X</b>	76. Potentially hazardous substances locked	
<b>X</b>	77. Garbage, rubbish disposed daily	

<b>X</b>	78. Stairs protected, good repair, handrails		
<b>X</b>	79. Pets – maintained, care plan	Y/N N	
<b>O</b>	80. Operable CO detector on each level	N/A? Y	Failed to maintain at least 1 operable carbon monoxide detector on each occupied level, missing on staff bathroom level
<b>X</b>	81. Program space-adequate square footage per child		
<b>X</b>	82. Equipment clean, good repair, safe, non-toxic		
<b>X</b>	83. Cots stored, maintained, adequate number		
<b>X</b>	84. Developmentally appropriate equipment		
<b>X</b>	85. Hot tubs, spas, saunas – locked and inaccessible	Y/N N	
<b>X</b>	86. No weapons, no facsimile of a firearm on premises		
<b>OUTDOOR SPACE</b>			
<b>X</b>	87. Outdoor space - adequate square footage per child		
<b>X</b>	88. Impact absorbing material under equipment		
<b>X</b>	89. Playground free from hazards		
<b>X</b>	92. Equipment anchored, safely arranged		
<b>X</b>	93. Outdoor play area protected, fenced		
<b>X</b>	94. Drinking water available, accessible		
<b>EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS 19a-79-8a</b>			
<b>X</b>	95. Written plan for daily program available to parents/staff		
<b>X</b>	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	
<b>ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS 19a-79-9a</b>			
<b>X</b>	97. Written policies, procedures		
<b>X</b>	98. Training outline on file		

NONPRESCRIPTION TOPICAL MEDICATIONS						
<b>X</b>	99. Administration, parent permission, MAR					
<b>X</b>	100. Labeling, storage					
ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS						
<b>X</b>	101. Med trained staff, certificates					
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; font-size: 8px;">O/T/I</td> <td style="width: 90%; font-size: 8px;">Injectable</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">Y</td> <td style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">Y</td> </tr> </table>	O/T/I	Injectable	Y	Y	
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Y	Y					
<b>X</b>	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR					
<b>X</b>	103. Labeling, storage					
<b>X</b>	104. Unused, expired meds returned/disposed					
SELF-ADMINISTRATION						
<b>X</b>	105. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR					
<b>X</b>	106. Labeling, storage					
<b>X</b>	107. Approved petition for special medication authorization					
<b>Yes</b>	Is there an approved endorsement?	<b>INFANT/TODDLER ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-10</b>				
<b>X</b>	109. Approved endorsement					
<b>X</b>	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children					
<b>X</b>	111. Group size: no larger than 8					
<b>X</b>	112. Physical barriers, groups of 8 (indoors and outdoors)					
<b>X</b>	113. Adequate sinks in program space					
<b>X</b>	114. Free standing, well-constructed, safe cribs					
<b>X</b>	115. Washable cots					
<b>○</b>	116. Chairs for feeding, stable, safety straps, locking tray	Failed to maintain safety straps on all high chairs when 4 straps were missing from bucket table				
<b>X</b>	117. Developmentally appropriate tables, chairs, equipment					
<b>X</b>	118. Refrigerators and food prep facilities					

<b>X</b>	119. Diaper area- sturdy, safety rail, nonporous, exclusive use					
<b>X</b>	120. Diaper area- washed, disinfected					
<b>X</b>	121. Diaper area- disposable paper sheets					
<b>X</b>	122. Covered waste receptacle					
<b>X</b>	123. Diaper changing policy posted, followed					
<b>X</b>	124. Hand washing policy posted, followed					
<b>X</b>	125. Individual storage of personal items					
<b>X</b>	126. Cribs/cots washed and disinfected					
<b>X</b>	127. Under 12 months- placed on back for sleeping					
<b>X</b>	128. Alternate sleep position- equipment, medical documentation	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>X</b></td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No		<b>X</b>
Yes	No					
	<b>X</b>					
<b>X</b>	129. Crib, bed used for infant sleeping					
<b>X</b>	130. Crib, bed free from observable hazards					
<b>X</b>	131. Infant toys separate, washed, disinfected daily					
<b>X</b>	132. No toys, objects less than 1/1/4" diameter					
<b>X</b>	133. Plastic bags, balloons, Styrofoam objects inaccessible					
<b>X</b>	134. Health consultant, doc. of visits					
<b>X</b>	135. Infants held for bottles, indiv. attention, tummy time					
<b>O</b>	136. Written statement, feeding schedule from parent	<b>Failed to maintain a written statement specifying the feeding schedule for infants</b>				
<b>X</b>	137. Unused portions of liquids discarded					
<b>X</b>	138. Clean Bottles, disp. bottles, approved bottle washing					
<b>X</b>	139. Food served from dish or whole jar served					
<b>O</b>	140. Bottles individually identified with child's name	<b>Failed to ensure bottles are individually identified with the child's name on 4 infant room bottles</b>				

**OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE - UNDER THREE**

<b>X</b>	141. Play space fenced	
<b>X</b>	142. Outdoor equipment developmentally appropriate	
<b>No</b>	Is there an approved endorsement?	<b>SCHOOL AGE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-11</b>
	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	
<b>No</b>	Is there an approved endorsement?	<b>NIGHT CARE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-12 (10pm-5am)</b>
	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	
<b>N</b>	Child with diabetes enrolled?	<b>MONITORING OF DIABETES 19a-79-13</b>
<b>X</b>	154. Written policies and procedures	
<b>X</b>	155. On site staff trained in first aid, glucose testing	
<b>X</b>	156. Training current and documented	
<b>X</b>	157. Supervision of self-administration	
<b>X</b>	158. Equipment, supplies labeled and inaccessible	

<b>X</b>	159. Signed agreement with parents regarding equipment	
<b>X</b>	160. Materials discarded appropriately	
<b>X</b>	161. Authorized prescriber, parent permission	
<b>X</b>	162. Documentation of test results, actions taken	
<b>X</b>	163. Daily written parent notification	

**ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS**

	62. Consent Order - Negotiated Corrective Action Plan	N/A?	
		<b>X</b>	



YES or NO?  
Yes

**WERE VIOLATIONS CITED DURING THIS VISIT?**

**DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS**

Per managerial review, this situation has been discussed with director and staff involved and not cited. Upon arrival, staff was at the door speaking with a parent, after parent left, this inspector introduced herself and showed state issued badge and asked if she was the director. Staff replied no but asked that inspector wait at the door while she gets the director.  
 Staff didn't return in a timely manner and inspector rang bell twice. Said staff peaked to see inspector but didn't open door. Soon after, another staff was arriving, rang the bell and entered the program. Inspector entered with the newly arriving staff. Program completed new complaint procedure and posted at time of visit  
 2 Diaper table mats don't fit on diaper table, over hang  
 1 topical form not available for review  
 Program to include parent written permission for alternate release  
 Program did not monitor lead paint as required in management plan for June 2024  
 Program will add staff job descriptions to policies  
 Observed 2 cribs with stuffed toys attached to pacifiers, no children in them. discussed requirement  
 Program to complete comprehensive lead paint test for hallway leading to staff bathroom and staff bathroom located on second floor

**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.

		DATE CORRECTIONS DUE BY:	
(Signature of OEC Representative)	(Signature of OEC Representative)		(Signature of Person in Charge)
<b>Terri Ruducha-Roberts</b>	<b>Heather Bennette</b>	<b>10/23/2024</b>	
(Printed Name)	(Printed Name)		(Printed Name)