

SECOND AMENDMENT TO PRE-LICENSURE CONSENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jericho Partnership, Inc.
Mark Lounsbury, Legal Representative
22 Maple Ave.
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Jericho Partnership After School Learning Program
22 Maple Ave.
Danbury, CT 06810

Jericho Partnership, Inc. (“Operator”) and the Office of Early Childhood (“OEC”) entered into a Pre-Licensure Consent Order on December 5, 2024, attached herewith as Exhibit A, requiring the Operator to make all good faith efforts to obtain a child care center license by January 5, 2025.


On or about December 17, 2024, the Operator notified OEC that it may not be able to satisfy the comprehensive background check requirements to permit licensure by January 5, 2025, due to staff time-off for the holidays. On or about December 20, 2024, the Applicant and OEC entered into an Amendment to the Pre-Licensure Consent Order, extending the deadline to obtain a child care center license to January 31, 2025.

On or about January 23, 2025, the Operator notified OEC that it may not be able to satisfy the comprehensive background check requirements and/or remediate a lead hazard in the soil by January 31, 2025.

Condition # 7 of the Pre-Licensure Consent Order is hereby amended and shall provide: “The Operator agrees that, in the event the Operator has not obtained a child care center license from the Agency by February 28, 2025, or such later date as to which the Agency and the Operator agree in writing, the Operator shall, within ten calendar days of receiving notice from the Agency, cease and desist from operating the above child care program without a license.”

Except as set forth in this Second Amendment, the Pre-Licensure Consent Order is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. The First and Second Amendments shall be made part of the Pre-Licensure Consent Order and all documents shall be construed together in any future proceedings.

OPERATOR
Jericho Partnership, Inc.



Mark Lounsbury
Legal Representative

1.24.2025
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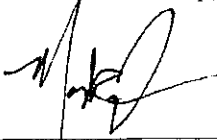
Jericho Partnership, Inc. ("Operator") and the Office of Early Childhood ("OEC") entered into a Pre-Licensure Consent Order on December 5, 2024, attached herewith as Exhibit A, requiring the Operator to make all good faith efforts to obtain a child care center license by January 5, 2025.

On or about December 17, 2024, the Operator notified OEC that it may not be able to satisfy the comprehensive background check requirements to permit licensure by January 5, 2025, due to staff time-off for the holidays.

Condition # 7 of the Pre-Licensure Consent Order is hereby amended and shall provide: "The Operator agrees that, in the event the Operator has not obtained a child care center license from the Agency by January 31, 2025, or such later date as to which the Agency and the Operator agree in writing, the Operator shall, within ten calendar days of receiving notice from the Agency, cease and desist from operating the above child care program without a license."

Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Pre-Licensure Consent Order is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. This Amendment shall be made part of the Pre-Licensure Consent Order and both documents shall be construed together in any future proceedings.

OPERATOR
Jericho Partnership, Inc.



Mark Lounsbury
Legal Representative

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
LEGAL DIVISION**

**PRE-LICENSURE CONSENT ORDER
ILLEGAL OPERATION**

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WHEREAS, Jericho Partnership, Inc. of 22 Maple Ave., Danbury, CT (“Operator”), admits and acknowledges that it operated and maintained a child care center at 22 Maple Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut (“facility”) without a license from approximately September, 2019 through November, 2024;

WHEREAS, Mark Lounsbury is duly authorized and empowered to act on behalf of the Operator and to bind the Operator to the terms and conditions contained in this Pre-Licensure Consent Order;

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of a child care center without a license violates General Statutes § 19a-80(a);

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (“Agency”), in accordance with General Statutes § 19a-86, has the authority at any time to seek an order from the Superior Court requiring the Operator to cease and desist from operating the above child care program without a license;

WHEREAS, the Agency, in accordance with General Statutes § 19a-87(a), has the authority to impose a civil penalty of not more than one-hundred (\$100.00) a day for each day of operation without license;

WHEREAS, the Operator has agreed to submit an application for such license to the Commissioner of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood pursuant to General Statutes § 19a-80 and § 19a-79-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (hereinafter “the Regulations”);

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined based upon an inspection of the Center conducted on November 21, 2024, that there is no apparent public health, safety or welfare concern that requires emergency action;

WHEREAS, the Operator has been informed of the right to a hearing regarding the Agency’s determination that it operated and maintained a child care center at 22 Maple Ave., Danbury, Connecticut without a license from approximately September, 2019 through November, 2024, and has chosen not to request a hearing, thereby waiving the right to a hearing;

WHEREAS, this Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter involved herein. All previous communications and agreements, with regard to the subject matter of this Consent Order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof;

THEREFORE, the Operator hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. The Operator shall, upon execution of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, post a copy of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order in a conspicuous place at the facility. Within five days of the execution of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, the Operator shall provide a copy of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order to each parent/guardian of each child currently enrolled at the facility and shall obtain written verification from said parents/guardians reflecting receipt of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order. The Operator shall maintain documentation of compliance with this term;
2. The Operator shall, upon signing this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, not enroll any additional or new children into this facility until it has obtained a license authorizing the operation of the Center;
3. The Operator shall, upon signing this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, have read §§ 19a-79-1a through 19a-79-13 of the Regulations and shall operate the facility in compliance with all applicable sections of these Regulations;
4. The Operator shall submit a child care center license application and full application fee to the Agency postmarked no later than ten days from the execution of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order. Should the Commissioner of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood deny the Operator's application for licensure, the Operator shall, within ten calendar days of receiving notice of said denial, cease and desist from operating the above child care program without a license;
5. The Operator shall, upon request, permit Agency staff immediate access during customary business hours to the child care facility, its staff and its records;
6. The Operator shall, prior to licensure and within the time period identified by the Agency, submit an acceptable corrective action plan(s) to address any requirement(s) identified and documented by the Agency to be out of compliance with the Regulations. Failure to submit a corrective action plan acceptable to the Agency shall constitute a breach of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order and grounds for denial of a child care license;
7. The Operator agrees that, in the event the Operator has not obtained a child care center license from the Agency no later than 30 days from the effective date of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, or such later date as to which the Agency and the Operator agree in writing, the Operator shall, within ten calendar days of receiving notice from the Agency, cease and desist from operating the above child care program without a license.
8. The Operator shall, within ten days of the date of the notice of the Agency's substantiation that the Operator has violated any term of this Consent Order or other applicable law, cease and desist from operating the above child day care program without a license.
9. The Operator agrees that, notwithstanding any other term or condition in this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, should the Agency find, at its sole discretion, that the health, safety or welfare of any child attending this facility is at risk, the Operator shall, upon receipt of written notification of such finding by the Agency, immediately cease and desist from operating the above child care program without a license;
10. The Agency shall not pursue administrative or judicial action against the Operator for violations of General Statutes § 19a-80 (a) of the Statutes for operating a child care center without a license from

September, 2019 through the effective date of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order provided that the Operator is in strict compliance with the requirements of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order;

11. The Operator understands that any extension of time or grace period granted by the Agency for any condition of this Consent Order shall not be a waiver or preclude the Agency's right to take action at a later time. The Agency shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods;
12. The Operator consents to entry of an order by the Superior Court requiring the Operator to cease and desist from providing child day care services without a license upon the Agency's provision of a written notice to the Operator that the Operator has violated any term of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order or applicable law and specifically waives any right to a hearing or to other any other process that may be due prior to the entry by the Court of such an order;
13. This Pre-Licensure Consent Order may be considered as proof of the operation of a child care program without a license in any subsequent proceeding before the Agency or in any judicial forum for purposes of enforcement of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order or any applicable state law;
14. The Operator, by entering into this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, waives any further rights it may have to an administrative hearing or to otherwise contest or challenge the validity of the provisions of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order. This Pre-Licensure Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review under any form or in any forum, including any right of review under the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 368a of the Statutes, or the Regulations that exist at the time the agreement is executed or may become available in the future;
15. This Pre-Licensure Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement that may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn at any time prior to its being signed by the Commissioner of Connecticut's Office of Early Childhood designee;
16. This Pre-Licensure Consent Order is a matter of public record;
17. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to the Operator's last known address of record reported to the Division of Licensing of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood;
18. The Operator understands this Pre-Licensure Consent Order is effective upon approval and acceptance by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's representative;
19. All parties agree that this Pre-Licensure Consent Order is an Order of the Commissioner with all of the rights and obligations pertaining thereto and attendant thereon. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the Agency's available legal remedies against the Operator for violations of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, or violations of any other statutory or regulatory requirements occurring after the execution of this Pre-Licensure Consent Order, which may be sought in lieu of or in addition to the methods of relief listed above, including all options for the issuance of notices of violation, the imposition of civil penalties calculated and assessed in accordance with General Statutes § 19a-77a et seq., or any other administrative and judicial relief provided by law. This Pre-Licensure Consent Order may be admitted by the Agency as evidence in any proceeding between the Agency and the Licensee in which compliance with its terms is at issue; and,
20. The Operator has had the opportunity to consult an attorney regarding this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, which have caused this Order to be executed by their respective officers and officials, declare the execution of this Consent Order to be their free act and deed.

OPERATOR
Jericho Partnership, Inc.

CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
Beth Bye, Commissioner

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Elizabeth Proietti, Director
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