

Initial Unannounced Full/Partial Follow-up Location Change Investigation Other

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF INSPECTION

Name of Program/Provider: The Smart Start Preschool + Learning center Date: 2/19/25 Time: 9:30

Location Address: 4133 Whitney Ave. Hamden Telephone #: 203 660-7158

e-mail address: thesmartstartpreschool@gmail.com License #: 16844 Expiration Date: 9/30/26

Capacity: 58/32 # of Children Present: 35/29 # of Staff Present: 8+

Consent to Inspect I agree to allow the Office of Early Childhood to have access to and inspect this facility and all
Family Child Care Home child care records as required by Family Child Care Home Regulations.
Provider/Applicant/Substitute's Signature _____

Purpose of visit: Investigation 2025 -120

Observations/Corrections needed:

(NS) 19a-79-4a(d)(4)(D) Supervision - insufficient evidence to support a regulatory violation.

(NS) 19a-79-6a(b) Procedures in case of illness - insufficient evidence to support a regulatory violation.

(S) 19a.79-7a(e)(5) walls, floor, ceilings, clean - regulation not met when ceilings and ceiling vents were observed to be coated in accumulated dust/dirt. Floors were not kept clean when mouse droppings were observed under cuts in Preschool room. Staff bathroom had missing floor board edging along wall at sink.

S = Substantiated NS = Not Substantiated P = Pending (if applicable)

Operators/providers are required by regulations and statutes to be in compliance at all times.

CORRECTIVE PLAN SHALL BE RETURNED TO OEC BY: 3/5/2025

Signature: Karen Hicks
(OEC Representative)
Print Name: Karen Hicks
Signature: Natasha Mendes
(Person in Charge)
Print Name: Natasha Mendes

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Observations/Corrections needed:

(S) 19a-79-7a(c)(2) Licensed premises kept clean - ^{hazard free} regulation not met when:

microwaves in toddler 1, toddler 2 and large preschool were not clean; refrigerators in infants, preschool rooms and kitchen had dried spills and debris; windowsill in toddler 2 had a black moldy substance on window edge and between panes of glass; toddler 1 had a bit of mold between window protection and window; sinks in several rooms were dirty including kitchen sink.

There was an expired jar of peanut butter in kitchen cabinet, (~~two~~ ^{KH} containers of cereal) were expired and several single serve packages of muffins were expired. (also a package of pancake mix.)

Observed evidence of vermin in under sink cabinet in preschool room where particle board observed to be chewed and droppings were observed in same area.

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