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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INVESTIGATION

Program Name	FRIENDS CENTER FOR CHILDREN - BLAKE STREET				License Number	DCCC.70516		Date of Inspection	10/06/2025	
					Expiration Date	10/31/2027		Time of Inspection	09:20 AM	
Address	495 BLAKE ST NEW HAVEN CT 06515-1249				Telephone	(203) 468-1966		Licensed Capacity	44	
					Hours of Operation	7:30 AM - 5:30 PM		Under Three Capacity	24	
Is this a Change of Address?	Yes?		No?	X	Days of Operation	Mon-Fri		Ages Served	3 - 5 month - years	
New Address					Night Hours	No	Summer Hours	Open	Weekend Hours	No
					Program's Email	info@friendscenterforchildren.org				
Operator	FRIENDS CENTER FOR CHILDREN INC				Director	LIZ E ENGLANDER,AUNDREA TABBS-SMITH				
Endorsements	Pre-School, Under Three				Name of Inspector	Bridget Merrill				
Numbers of Staff/Children Present	# Children Present under age 3	17	# Total Children Present	34	# of Staff Present	11	Purpose of Visit	Self-reported incident		

SUBSTANTIATED VIOLATIONS

Statute and/or Regulation and Description:	[19a-79-3a(d)(2)-(7)]	011-Policies- complete, implemented
<p>Program not in compliance with ensuring the implementation of their supervision policy when a child was injured when program staff was in the bathroom changing diapers which left 2 other children in the room, 1 in their crib & another on the floor, unsupervised by sight & sound by program staff. The program's supervision policy states infants/ toddlers will be supervised by both sight & sound.</p>		
Statute and/or Regulation and Description:	[19a-79-4a(d)(4)(D)]	028- Supervision
<p>Program not in compliance with ensuring the supervision of children at all times while indoors when a child received an injury when program staff was in the bathroom with 2 children & unable to see the other children in the room, 1 of which was in a crib & another on the floor.</p>		
Statute and/or Regulation and Description:	[19a-79-10(d)(1)(A-C)]	121- Adequate sinks-handwashing-diapering/other use-food prep
<p>Program not in compliance with maintaining visual contact with other children while using the sink or changing diapers when program staff was changing diapers in the bathroom & was unable to see 2 other children in her care, 1 of which was in a crib & the other on the floor in the classroom.</p>		



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DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS

Discussed 1 extra staff needed in Pod 1 at all times. Observed 6:2 in Pod 1 during walk through but 2 extra staff were on site. Provided technical assistance on diaper table/ hand wash sink placement in Pod 3. Pod 3 has 1 sink in program space for purposes other than hand washing & a sink in the bathroom for hand washing exclusively. Pods 1 & 2 have 1 sink for purposes other than Hand washing & 2 hand wash sinks, 1 in program space & the other located in the bathroom. If Pods 1 & 2 move diaper tables into program space where supervision can be maintained at all times, they wouldn't need to over staff by 1 person. If Pod 3 gets approval from local health to add a divider/ splash guard between the sink located in program space or adds an additional sink for hand washing into program space & moves the diaper table into the room, they won't need to over staff by 1 person at all times. Also, Pod 3 can designate the sink in program space as a hand wash only sink & take items to be rinsed into Pod 1 or 2 which have a sink for purposes other than hand washing.

Were Violations cited during this visit? Y or N?	Yes	NOTE: * It is the operator's responsibility to ensure compliance with all local codes and ordinances.
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Signature of OEC Representative			Signature of Person in Charge
Printed Name	Bridget Merrill	Tanya Lee	Printed Name
2 nd OEC Representative		APPLICANTS: You <i>MAY NOT OPERATE</i> until all requirements have been met and a license has been issued by the Agency.	
Printed Name		THIS INSPECTION SHALL BE POSTED OR SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST.	

	Written Corrective Action Plan due by: 10/20/2025	DIVISION OF LICENSING 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 302, Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Phone (800)282-6063 or (860)500-4450 Fax (860)326-0552 Email: oc.licensing@ct.gov Website: www.ctoec.org
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OEC Representative's Email: bridget.merrill@ct.gov	CAP: https://www.ctoec.org/forms-documents/corrective-action-plan-and-resolving-disputed-violations.pdf
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