

# Facility Safety Fire & Life Safety / Environmental Health

Provider's Name: **Stepping Stones Preschool Center**

City: **Hartford**

Provider Number: **018042621**

Inspector: **Todd Lowe**

Date of Inspection: **03/01/2023**

Time of Inspection: **10:07 AM**

| Yes                              | No                    | NA                               | <b>A. FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |                                  | 1. Is there a written emergency evacuation plan? Note: This may be found in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |                                  | 2. Does the main level have at least two remote exits that discharge directly to the outside? 61:15:05:05 NOTE: These main exits cannot pass through a kitchen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 3. In Licensed Day Care Programs Caring for 21 or More Children - Is the usable space under the first story enclosed (even if care not provided in lower level)? 61:15:05:15 NOTE: Wood framing on the basement side must be protected by 5/8 inch Type X gypsum board or other gypsum board suitable for use in fire-rated assemblies.                                                                                       |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 4. In Licensed Day Care Programs Caring for 21 or More Children - If children are cared for on a floor above the main level of the center, is a sprinkler system provided throughout the building? 61:15:05:09                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 5. In Licensed Day Care Programs Caring for 21 or More Children - If children are cared for in a story above the main level, does the building provide 2 separate exits that discharge to the outside of the building? 61:15:05:05 NOTE: If interior stairwell is used, door must be directly at the top of the stairs, no travel through main level to get to an exit.                                                       |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 6. In Licensed Day Care Programs Caring for 21 or More Children - If children are cared for in a story below the main level, are there 2 exits out from the basement? 61:15:05:05 NOTE: One can be interior stairway leading up to the main level of the building. The other must discharge directly to the outside. That outside exit can be an exterior stairway up to ground level if vertical travel is less than 8 feet. |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |                                  | 7. In Licensed Day Care Programs Caring for 21 or More Children - Is a fire alarm system installed in the building wiring and operable? 61:15:05:08 NOTE: Manual pull stations, audible alarms inside and out. Smoke detectors are in stairwells, corridors, lounges, recreation and sleeping areas.                                                                                                                          |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | 8. In Licensed Day Care Programs Caring for 21 or More Children - When occupant load is 50 or more, do exit doors swing in the direction of egress flow? 61:15:05:05                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

- 9. If a fire sprinkler system is present in the building, is it operational?  
61:15:05:09 NOTE: Valves are open, observe pressure gauge reading and sprinkler head condition.
- 10. If providing care for children under 5 years of age, are there self-closing, or tamper resistant childproof electrical covers on all outlets? 67:42:11:10
- 11. Are exit signs provided over each exit, and where necessary to identify a change in the direction of egress travel? 61:15:05:05 NOTE: Exit signs must be interior or exterior illuminated or self-luminous.
- 12. Are exits and exit corridors maintained in a safe manner? 61:15:05:05 NOTE: Exits can't pass through storeroom, bathroom, kitchen; corridor & aisle widths of 36 inches; exits cannot be obstructed.
- 13. In areas providing access to exits, do combustible decorations cover less than 10% of the wall area? 61:15:05:05
- 14. In storage rooms, are combustible materials maintained at least 2 feet below the ceiling or 18 Inches below sprinkler head deflectors? 67:42:10:18
- 15. Is electrical system being used properly? 61:15:01 NOTE: Check for overloads or frayed extension cords.
- 16. If domestic cooking equipment is installed, is a ventilating hood and duct provided - vented to the outside of the building -- to handle grease-laden vapors? 67:42:11:08
- 17. If commercial cooking equipment is installed, is an automatic hood suppression system installed for the protection of deep fat fryers, griddles, upright broilers, char-broilers, range tops, and grills with setup? Has the system been inspected every 6 months? 61:15:01
- 18. Are portable fire extinguishers charged and operable? 61:15:05:10 NOTE: Minimum 2A rated on each level. No more than 75 feet travel distance to an extinguisher. One near food preparation.
- 19. If portable heaters are used - are they provided with noncombustible partitions, screens, or other means to protect children from hot surfaces and open flames? If solid partitions are used, do they allow for adequate airflow & ventilation? 61:15:05:14 NOTE: Unvented fuel-fired room heaters are not permitted.
- 20. NEW PROGRAMS: Are all requirements identified in the floor plan review letter issued by the Fire Marshall's Office completed? Does facility layout match the approved floor plan? 67:42:10:18

Yes No NA

## B. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 21. Are all areas of the building neat and free of litter and rubbish? 67:42:11:40

- 22. Does the construction of walls, ceilings, doors, window and skylights appear clean and in good repair? Does outside appearance and construction appear in good repair? 67:42:11:39
- 23. If carpeting is used, is it maintained in good repair? 67:42:11:38
- 24. Does inside play area appear to allow for 35 square feet per child? 67:42:10:19
- 25. Is there at least 3 feet of space between napping children to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases? 67:42:11:05 NOTE: Stackable cribs are not allowed.
- 26. Are cribs and mattresses maintained in good repair? 67:42:11:05
- 27. Are crib sheets changed daily and/or between use by different children? 67:42:11:05
- 28. Is all loose, soft bedding that could pose a suffocation hazard removed from cribs and any space infants are sleeping? 67:42:11:05
- 29. Are infants placed on their back for sleeping? 67:42:11:05
- 30. If caring for infants, is there a diaper-changing table, properly constructed & maintained with smooth non-absorbent top? 67:42:11:06.01
- 31. Is the diaper table sanitized after each use with an approved sanitizer (1600 PPM)? 67:42:11:06.01
- 32. Are soiled diapers kept in a leak proof container with a tight fitting lid? 67:42:11:06.01
- 33. Is there a hand-sink near the diaper changing area? 67:42:11:06.01
- 34. Is each child provided individual space for personal items? 67:42:10:24
- 35. Are children's hands washed before and after meals, and after using the restroom? 67:42:11:33
- 36. Are there separate toilet facilities for males and females? 67:42:11:06
- 37. Are toilet rooms and fixtures clean and in good repair? 67:42:11:06
- 38. Are there at least 1 toilet and 1 hand-sink in the restrooms for every 15 children? 67:42:11:06
- 39. Is there a supply of hand soap and single use towels or an air dryer provided in each bathroom facility? 67:42:11:33
- 40. Is there a supply of toilet tissue at each toilet at all times? 67:42:11:06
- 41. Is each bathroom provided with natural or mechanical ventilation? 67:42:11:06

- 42. Is there a portable or permanently plumbed bathtub? 67:42:11:06
- 43. Is hot and cold water at children's hand washing sinks supplied through a mixing faucet? 67:42:11:06
- 44. Is the water temperature at children's hand washing sinks maintained at 120 degrees or lower? 67:42:11:09
- 45. Is the water source from a public water system or approved system? 67:42:11:09
- 46. If program uses a private water system, does the provider have written documentation it has been tested for bacteria and nitrate levels and found to be safe for consumption? 67:42:11:09
- 47. To prevent entrance of insects, are all outside openings protected by tight-fitting, self-closing doors, a closed window, screening, controlled air currents, or other means? Are they maintained in good repair? 67:42:11:36
- 48. Are effective measures taken to minimize presence of rodents, flies, cockroaches and other insects? 67:42:11:36
- 49. Are inside and outside waste receptacles durable, easy to clean, and insect/rodent proof? 67:42:11:34
- 50. Is the heating and cooling system maintained and inspected annually? 67:42:11:12
- 51. Is the temperature of the facility such that meets the needs of children in care? 67:42:11:12
- 52. If electric fans are used, do they have guards that prevent access by children? 67:42:11:12
- 53. Is there a barrier prohibiting children from entering the kitchen during food preparation? 67:42:11:15.01
- 54. If there are wall openings, platforms, decks, etc. that are more than 30" above ground, are they provided with a railing that prevents children from falling through or becoming entrapped? 67:42:11:14
- 55. Are soiled clothing & linens kept in closed containers or hampers? 67:42:11:41
- 56. Are toys, capable of being placed in a child's mouth, washed, rinsed and sanitized daily using a solution of one ounce household bleach to two gallons water or in a mechanical dishwasher? 67:42:11:07
- 57. Are dining tables sanitized before & after each meal with a solution of one ounce household bleach to two gallons of water? 67:42:11:07
- 58. Are cleaning supplies kept inaccessible to children? 67:42:11:40

- 59. Is there an operating telephone at the facility? 67:42:16:18
- 60. Is smoking prohibited in the facility? SDCL 34-46-14
- 61. If facility has pets, are wild and dangerous animals inaccessible to children? 67:42:11:44
- 62. Do pets appear in good health (no sign of disease); are pets friendly; are pet immunizations with yearly exams documented? 67:42:11:44
- 63. Is pet food supply inaccessible to children? 67:42:11:44
- 64. Are pet living quarters kept clean, litter boxes inaccessible to children, and litter disposed of properly? 67:42:11:44
- 65. Is there a fenced outdoor play area? Does the fenced area appear to allow for 50 square feet per child during each scheduled recess time? 67:42:11:02
- 66. Is playground equipment properly installed and maintained in good repair? Are sandboxes free from animal excrement and do they permit drainage? 67:42:11:02
- 67. Are swimming pools, that are not emptied after each use, fenced on all 4 sides? 67:42:11:02 NOTE: A wall of the facility is not considered a side of the fence, if the wall has a door access to the pool.
- 68. Is the fence around the pool at least 5 feet high? 67:42:11:02
- 69. Do all exits from the pool have self-closing, latching gates that are locked when children are in care? 67:42:11:02
- 70. NEW PROGRAMS: Are all requirements identified in the floor plan review letter issued by the Department of Health completed? Does facility layout match the approved floor plan? 67:42:10:17

Yes No NA

### C. FOOD SERVICE

- 71. If sack lunches are prepared & supplied by child's parent, are they stored in the refrigerator, individual insulated bags or mini-coolers with ice pack until served? 67:42:11:16
- 72. If meals are catered by an outside, approved food management business, does the day care have a copy of a current Dept. of Health license for that food management business? 67:42:10:13 NOTE: Once meals are delivered, it is the licensed facility's responsibility to have the equipment and knowledge to properly store, heat, & serve the meals according to the food handling practices identified in this section.
- 73. For employees working with food handling, are they free of infection, contagious disease, boil or infected wound? 67:42:11:23

- 74. Do employees wash hands after use of restroom, changing a diaper, working with soiled clothing/linens, and before handling food? 67:42:11:33
- 75. Is hair restrained, is clothing clean and jewelry removed from hands or wrists, are fingernails clean and trimmed? 67:42:11:25
- 76. Is food free from spoilage or contamination and safe for human consumption? 67:42:11:16
- 77. Are fluid milk and milk products pasteurized, grade A quality; are dry milk and milk products made from pasteurized milk and milk products only used in food preparation; does the program only use pasteurized egg products or whole, intact-shelled eggs? 67:42:11:16
- 78. Is home-canned food prohibited from use? 67:42:11:16
- 79. Are food containers properly stored, such as a minimum of six inches above the floor in a manner that protects from contamination and permits easy cleaning of the area, not stored under exposed or unprotected sewer or water lines, except for automatic fire system sprinkler heads, and are not in toilet rooms or vestibules? 67:42:11:18
- 80. Are potentially hazardous foods requiring cooking, cooked to heat all parts of the food to a temperature of at least 140 degrees F and held at that temperature until served or immediately refrigerated at 41 degrees F or below? 67:42:11:16
- 81. Are frozen foods kept at a temperature of zero degrees or below? 67:42:11:16
- 82. Are foods, not requiring further washing or cooking before serving, stored to protect it from cross- contamination from food requiring additional washing or cooking? 67:42:11:18
- 83. Are potentially hazardous foods properly thawed, i.e. in refrigerated unit with temp not exceeding 41 degrees F, under potable running water with temp 70 degrees F or below, in uninterrupted cooking process in microwave oven, or as part of conventional cooking process? 67:42:11:16
- 84. Are raw fruits and vegetables thoroughly washed with potable water before being cooked or served? 67:42:11:20
- 85. Are potentially hazardous foods that have been cooked and refrigerated, reheated rapidly to 165 degrees F or higher throughout before being served, and warmers and hot food holding facilities are not used for this process? 67:42:11:16
- 86. Is food and tobacco used/consumed only in designated areas where there will not be contamination of food, equipment or utensils? 67:42:11:25
- 87. Is soiled tableware handled in a way that minimizes contamination of the hands? 67:42:11:25

- 88. In food prep & service areas, are light fixtures shielded? 67:42:11:16
- 89. In food prep area, is there a sink, with running water? 67:42:11:33
- 90. If a facility uses portable frying devices such as deep-fat frying pots, grills, electric griddles, etc., are they used with a ventilation hood to vent fumes? 67:42:11:08
- 91. Are food contact surfaces free of breaks, open seams, cracks, chips, pits and other similar imperfections, difficult-to-clean corners and crevices? 67:42:11:07
- 92. Is tableware washed, rinsed and sanitized after each use? 67:42:11:07
- 93. Is kitchenware and food contact surfaces of equipment washed, rinsed and sanitized after each use and following any interruption of operations? 67:42:11:07
- 94. Are single-service articles used only once? 67:42:11:07
- 95. Are all utensils/equipment stored at least six inches above the floor in a clean, dry, protected location, and not placed under exposed sewer or water lines except for fire protection sprinkler lines? 67:42:11:29
- 96. Is the cleaning of equipment/utensils completed by use of a commercial dishwasher, a home-style dishwasher, or a hand wash/rinse/sanitize method? 67:42:11:07
- 97. If a home-style dishwasher is used, does it have a hot water sanitizing cycle with water reaching 150 degrees F and the sanitizing cycle runs to completion without interruption? 67:42:11:07
- 98. If a 3-compartment sink is used for manual cleaning, are the compartments used for washing, rinsing and sanitizing? 67:42:11:07 NOTE: Sanitize by immersing for 30 seconds in 170 degree F water or immerse for 60 seconds in 75 degree F water containing 1 ounce household bleach per 4 gallons of water.