

South Carolina Department of Social Services  
Office of Child Care Licensing  
**INSPECTION VISIT FORM FOR LICENSED CENTERS**

Facility Name: Small Steps/Big Strides  
Permit #: 24701

Date of Inspection: 2/6/25 Time of Inspection: 1:00 PM  
Type of Inspection: ☒ Annual ☐ Complaint ☐ Follow Up (original inspection date \_\_\_\_\_)  
Reason for Follow up: ☐ clear up pending deficiency ☐ Self-Report

Address: 1198 Glover Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Telephone #: 803-614-1232

Hours of Operation: Single Shift  
Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? ☐ Yes ☒ No Overnight Care? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Center Director/Designee: Marie Artis

Change in Ownership or Director? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum number of children: 0

Building 1: ☒ Building 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Building 3: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ CDEP

Maximum number of infants: 40

☐ 24 months ☒ 30 months ☐ I-4 facility Infants are in designated rooms? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Menus posted in public view: ☒ License ☒ Menu ☒ Ratio Chart (All classrooms) Does facility transport children? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

**MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING 114-503**

	C	N	N/A
Staff files are in compliance H(1-7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training hours up-to-date K(5)(b-c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At least 1 person with CPR & 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid on the premises K(5)(h)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SUPERVISION 114-504**

	C	N	N/A
Adequate supervision throughout facility A(1-2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility following tracking of children procedures A(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ratios adequate in all classrooms and on playground B, C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**HEALTH, SANITATION & SAFETY 114-505**

	C	N	N/A
Children's faces/hands are clean B(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medicine and harmful items labeled and stored properly D(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
First Aid kit in facility and in vehicle if transport E(1), I(1)(g)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	C	N	N/A
Proper diaper changing practices were observed F(1-16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proper handwashing practices were observed G(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No smoking/consumption of alcoholic beverage A(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PHYSICAL SITE 114-507**

BUILDING	C	N	N/A
Ventilation and lighting & sufficient A(2)(a-d), (4)(a-c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No strangulation/choking/suffocation hazards A(5)(g)(i-iii)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceiling, floors, windows, doors free from hazards A(5)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building(s) temp between 68-80°F A(7) If no, close in 4 hrs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility free from pest problems (Insects, rodents) A(8)(b-c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garbage kept properly in plastic lined receptacles A(8) (d-i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical outlets are securely covered A(11)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sink area has running water A(12)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soap and disposable towels available at sink A(12)(i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture, toys & equipment are clean and in good repair C(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture, toys & equipment meets the CPSC standards C(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthy pets/animals (Vaccination record up-to-date) E(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PLAYGROUND	C	N	N/A
Playground equip. safe & firmly anchored B(7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adequate cushioning material; at least 6ft fall zone B(9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fencing/safety barriers 4ft. in height, in good repair B(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor space free from hazards and litter B(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**RESTING**

	C	N	N/A
Play Pens observed C(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cribs meet federal standards (reviewed certificate) D(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cots, mats, cribs labeled or charted for each child D(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PROGRAM 114-506**

	C	N	N/A
Written, planned, daily program of activities that is developmentally & age appropriate observed A(1-3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positive, non-abusive discipline practice B(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**MEAL REQUIREMENTS 114-508**

	C	N	N/A
Meals & snacks in compliance with USDA A(1)(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food A(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food preparers have proper hair restraints B(5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45°F D(2-3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	C	N	N/A
Round, firm foods are not offered to children under 4 yrs. Old, unless properly cut to prevent choking risk A(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food stored & handled properly D(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**INFANT CARE 114-509**

	C	N	N/A
Infants are placed on their back to sleep A(5)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No bottles propped or given in cribs or on mats A(3)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food for toddlers cut in pieces ½ inch or less A(3)(k)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food for infants cut in pieces ¼ inch or less A(3)(j)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crock pots, bottle warmers, are inaccessible to children, No microwaving of beverages observed A(3)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cups and bottles labeled with child's name & used only by that child A(3)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**TRANSPORTATION 114-505 I**

	C	N	N/A
Vehicle has proper safety restraints & in good repair I(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checklist for loading/unloading children reviewed (2)(d)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Driver's (valid) driver's license reviewed (1)(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**C-Compliant with Regulation  
N-Noncompliant with Regulation**

No violations noted at the time of visit ☐

Signature of Director/Operator/Designee: Marie Artis

Date: 2-6-25 ☐ Refused to sign

Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: Arthur Bully

Date: 2/6/2025

**Division of Early Care and Education****Deficiency Correction**NAME OF PROVIDER/OPERATOR Small Steps/Big StridesPERMIT # 24701

Deficiency Cited	Corrective Action Needed	Expected Date of Correction
Staff files missing acknowledgment of center's policies	Staff files shall include agreement of all center's policies including discipline.	COB 2/7/25
Staff were missing training hours from the year 2024.	Staff/Director shall complete required trainings annually.	90 days; 5/6/25
Updated menu needed on site.	Daily menu must be posted.	COB 2/7/25
Playground spaces observed with vines/debris.	Outdoor spaces must be free of hazards/litter.	30 days; 3/6/25

Providers/Operators are required by regulations and statutes to be in compliance at all time.

Licensing Specialist

Date 2/13/25