

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

Facility Name: Stepping Stones Academy  
Permit #: 24328  
Address: 2409 Mall Drive Ste B North Charleston, SC 29406

Date of Inspection: 9/24/25  
Time of Inspection: 11:20 AM

Type of Inspection: ☐ Annual ☒ Complaint  
☐ Follow Up (Original Inspection)  
Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Follow up:  
☐ Pending Deficiencies  
☐ Self-Reported Incident

Telephone #: 843-300-1295 Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Center Director/Designee: Naprell Van Buren

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

Maximum number of children: 157

Building 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Building 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Building 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum number of infants: 57

☐ 24 months ☒ 30 months ☐ I-4 facility

Infants are in designated rooms? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Items posted in public view: ☒ License ☒ Menu ☒ Ratio Chart (All classrooms)

Does facility transport children? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

ABC Quality Yes

Head Start ☐ Yes ☒ No

Public Schools ☐ Yes ☒ No

Overnight Care? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Hours of Operation: M- 7:00AM- 5:00PM T- 7:00AM- 5:00PM W- 7:00AM- 5:00PM Th- 7:00AM- 5:00PM F- 7:00AM- 5:00PM

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

**SUPERVISION 114-504**

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Staff files are in compliance <b>H(1-7)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adequate supervision throughout facility <b>A(1-2)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training hours up-to-date <b>K(5)(b-c)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility following tracking of children procedures <b>A(3)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At least 1 person with CPR & 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid on the premises <b>K(5)(h)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ratios adequate in all classrooms and on playground <b>B, C</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Children's faces/hands are clean <b>B(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proper diaper changing practices were observed <b>F(1-16)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Medicine and harmful items labeled and stored properly <b>D(2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proper handwashing practices were observed <b>G(4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
First Aid kit in facility and in vehicle if transport <b>E(1), I(1)(g)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No smoking/consumption of alcoholic beverage <b>A(3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Current Emergency Preparedness Plan <b>H(3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Plan <b>C(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**PHYSICAL SITE 114-507**

BUILDING	C	N	N/A	PLAYGROUND	C	N	N/A
Ventilation and lighting & sufficient <b>A(2)(a-d), (4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Playground equip. safe & firmly anchored <b>B(7)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No strangulation/choking/suffocation hazards <b>A(5)(g)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adequate cushioning material; at least 6ft fall zone <b>B(9)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ceiling, floors, windows, doors free from hazards <b>A(5)(d)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fencing/safety barriers 4ft. in height, in good repair <b>B(4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Building(s) temp between 68-80°F <b>A(7)</b> If no, close in 4 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor space free from hazards and litter <b>B(2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Facility free from pest problems (Insects, rodents) <b>A(8)(b-c)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>RESTING</b>	C	N	N/A
All potentially harmful items including cleaning supplies, flammable products, poisonous, toxic, hazardous and materials are labeled and stored in locked area out of children's reach. Bio-contaminants are disposed of properly. <b>A(5)(c) (e), A(8); E(1), (4)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play Pens observed <b>C(4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electrical outlets are securely covered <b>A(11)(c)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cribs meet federal standards (reviewed certificate) <b>D(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sink area has running water <b>A(12)(d)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cots, mats, cribs labeled or charted for each child <b>D(2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Soap and disposable towels available at sink <b>A(12)(i)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>PROGRAM 114-506</b>	C	N	N/A
Furniture, toys & equipment are clean and in good repair <b>C(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Written, planned, daily program of activities that is developmentally & age appropriate observed <b>A(1-3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture, toys & equipment meets the CPSC standards <b>C(2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Positive, non-abusive discipline practice <b>B(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthy animals, not permitted if allergic <b>E(4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other environmental allergies ( <b>Policy #120</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**MEAL REQUIREMENTS 114-508**

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Meals & snacks in compliance with USDA <b>A(1)(b)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Round, firm foods are not offered to children under 4 yrs. old, unless properly cut to prevent choking risk <b>A(3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food <b>A(4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food stored & handled properly <b>D(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food preparers have proper hair restraints <b>B(5)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food <b>D(8)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45°F <b>D(2-3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prevention and response to food allergies <b>A(9-10)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**INFANT CARE 114-509**

**TRANSPORTATION 114-505 I**

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Infants are placed on their back to sleep <b>A(5)(a)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle has proper safety restraints & in good repair <b>I(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No bottles propped or given in cribs or on mats <b>A(3)(c)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Checklist for loading/unloading children reviewed <b>(2)(d)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food for toddlers cut in pieces ½ inch or less <b>A(3)(k)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Driver's (valid) driver's license reviewed <b>(1)(f)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food for infants cut in pieces ¼ inch or less <b>A(3)(j)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Crock pots, bottle warmers, are inaccessible to children, No microwaving of beverages observed <b>A(3)(d)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>C-Compliant with Regulation</b>			
Cups and bottles labeled with child's name & used only by that child <b>A(3)(a)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>N-Noncompliant with Regulation</b>			
				Violations noted at the time of visit <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
				Any violations corrected onsite <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
				DSS Form 2910 needed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

Signature of Director/Operator/Designee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/24/25 ☐ Refused to sign.

Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/24/25