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

Date of Inspection: 11/20/25
Time of Inspection: 10:19AM
Type of Inspection: ☐ **Annual** ☑ **Complaint**
☐ **Follow Up (Original Inspection Date:___/___/____)**
Reason for Follow up:
☐ **Pending Deficiencies**
☐ **Self-Reported Incident**

Facility Name: Merryland Daycare
Permit #: 17573
Address: 203 S. Dargan Street DARLINGTON, SC 29532

Telephone #: 843-395-6001 Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? ☐ Yes ☑ No
Center Director/Designee: Dawn S Kirby
Change in Ownership or Director? ☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, Name: _____
Maximum number of children: 124 Building 1: 69; 12; 24mo Building 2: 40; 01; 30mo Building 3: 15; 15; 30mo
Maximum number of infants: 27 ☑ 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- 6:00PM T- 7:00AM- 6:00PM W- 7:00AM- 6:00PM Th- 7:00AM- 6:00PM F- 7:00AM- 6:00PM

MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING 114-503	C	N	N/A	SUPERVISION 114-504	C	N	N/A
Staff files are in compliance H(1-7)	☑	☐	☐	Adequate supervision throughout facility A(1-2)	☑	☐	☐
Training hours up-to-date K(5)(b-c)	☐	☐	☑	Facility following tracking of children procedures A(3)	☑	☐	☐
At least 1 person with CPR & 1st Aid on the premises K(5)(h)	☑	☐	☐	Ratios adequate in all classrooms and on playground B, C	☑	☐	☐

HEALTH, SANITATION & SAFETY 114-505	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Children's faces/hands are clean B(1)	☑	☐	☐	Proper diaper changing practices were observed F(1-16)	☐	☐	☑
Medicine and harmful items labeled and stored properly D(2)	☐	☐	☑	Proper handwashing practices were observed G(4)	☐	☐	☑
First Aid kit in facility and in vehicle if transport E(1), I(1)(g)	☐	☐	☑	No smoking/consumption of alcoholic beverage A(3)	☐	☐	☑
Current Emergency Preparedness Plan H(3)	☑	☐	☐	Emergency Medical Plan C(1)	☑	☐	☐

PHYSICAL SITE 114-507							
BUILDING	C	N	N/A	PLAYGROUND	C	N	N/A
Ventilation and lighting & sufficient A(2)(a-d), (4)	☐	☐	☑	Playground equip. safe & firmly anchored B(7)	☑	☐	☐
No strangulation/choking/suffocation hazards A(5)(g)	☑	☐	☐	Adequate cushioning material; at least 6ft fall zone B(9)	☑	☐	☐
Ceiling, floors, windows, doors free from hazards A(5)(d)	☑	☐	☐	Fencing/safety barriers 4ft. in height, in good repair B(4)	☑	☐	☐
Building(s) temp between 68-80ºF A(7) If no, close in 4 hrs.	☐	☐	☑	Outdoor space free from hazards and litter B(2)	☑	☐	☐
Facility free from pest problems (Insects, rodents) A(8)(b-c)	☐	☐	☑	RESTING	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. A(5)(c) (e), A(8); E(1),(4)	☐	☐	☑	Play Pens observed C(4)	☐	☐	☑
Electrical outlets are securely covered A(11)(c)	☐	☐	☑	Cribs meet federal standards (reviewed certificate) D(1)	☐	☐	☑
Sink area has running water A(12)(d)	☐	☐	☑	Cots, mats, cribs labeled or charted for each child D(2)	☐	☐	☑
Soap and disposable towels available at sink A(12)(i)	☐	☐	☑	PROGRAM 114-506	C	N	N/A
Furniture, toys & equipment are clean and in good repair C(1)	☐	☐	☑	Written, planned, daily program of activities that is developmentally & age appropriate observed A(1-3)	☐	☐	☑
Furniture, toys & equipment meets the CPSC standards C(2)	☑	☐	☐				
Healthy animals, not permitted if allergic E(4)	☐	☐	☑	Positive, non-abusive discipline practice B(1)	☑	☐	☐
Other environmental allergies (Policy #120)	☑	☐	☐		☐	☐	☐

MEAL REQUIREMENTS 114-508	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Meals & snacks in compliance with USDA A(1)(b)	☑	☐	☐	Round, firm foods are not offered to children under 4 yrs. old, unless properly cut to prevent choking risk A(3)	☐	☐	☑
Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food A(4)	☐	☐	☑		☐	☐	☐
Food preparers have proper hair restraints B(5)	☐	☐	☑	Food stored & handled properly D(1)	☑	☐	☐
Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45ºF D(2-3)	☐	☐	☑	All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food D(8)	☐	☐	☑
Prevention and response to food allergies A(9-10)	☑	☐	☐		☐	☐	☐

INFANT CARE 114-509	C	N	N/A	TRANSPORTATION 114-505 I	C	N	N/A
Infants are placed on their back to sleep A(5)(a)	☑	☐	☐	Vehicle has proper safety restraints & in good repair I(1)	☐	☐	☑
No bottles propped or given in cribs or on mats A(3)(c)	☐	☐	☑	Checklist for loading/unloading children reviewed (2)(d)	☐	☐	☑
Food for toddlers cut in pieces ½ inch or less A(3)(k)	☐	☐	☑	Driver's (valid) driver's license reviewed (1)(f)	☐	☐	☑
Food for infants cut in pieces ¼ inch or less A(3)(j)	☐	☐	☑				
Crock pots, bottle warmers, are inaccessible to children, No microwaving of beverages observed A(3)(d)	☐	☐	☑	C-Compliant with Regulation N-Noncompliant with Regulation			
Cups and bottles labeled with child's name & used only by that child A(3)(a)	☐	☐	☑	**Violations noted at the time of visit** ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No** **Any violations corrected onsite** ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No** **DSS Form 2910 needed** ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**			

Signature of Director/Operator/Designee: Dawn Date: 11/20/25 ☐ Refused to sign.

Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: Katrease Sear Date: 11/20/2025