

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

Date of Inspection: 4/28/26
Time of Inspection: 1:20 PM

Type of Inspection: Annual Complaint
 Follow Up (Original Inspection)
Date: / /

Reason for Follow up:
 Pending Deficiencies
 Self-Reported Incident

Facility Name: Kids First Academy
Permit #: 22392
Address: 1250 Peach Orchard Road SUMTER, SC 29154

Telephone #: 803-494-3979 Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? Yes No

Center Director/Designee: Carol Sims, Brandi Ellis

Change in Ownership or Director? Yes No If yes, Name: _____

Maximum number of children: 224

Building 1: _____ Building 2: _____ Building 3: _____

Maximum number of infants: 35

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- 5:30AM- 6:00PM T- 5:30AM- 6:00PM W- 5:30AM- 6:00PM Th- 5:30AM- 6:00PM F- 5:30AM- 6:00PM

| MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING 114-503 | | | | SUPERVISION 114-504 | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | C | N | N/A | | C | N | N/A |
| Staff files are in compliance H(1-7) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Adequate supervision throughout facility A(1-2) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Training hours up-to-date K(5)(b-c) | <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"/> |
| At least 1 person with CPR & 1 st Aid on the premises K(5)(h) | <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 | | C | N | N/A |
| Children's faces/hands are clean B(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Proper diaper changing practices were observed F(1-16) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Medicine and harmful items labeled and stored properly D(2) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Proper handwashing practices were observed G(4) | <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 type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No smoking/consumption of alcoholic beverage A(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Current Emergency Preparedness Plan H(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Medical Plan C(1) | <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 A(2)(a-d), (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Playground equip. safe & firmly anchored B(7) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No strangulation/choking/suffocation hazards A(5)(g) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Adequate cushioning material; at least 6ft fall zone B(9) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ceiling, floors, windows, doors free from hazards A(5)(d) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fencing/safety barriers 4ft. in height, in good repair B(4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Building(s) temp between 68-80°F A(7) If no, close in 4 hrs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Outdoor space free from hazards and litter B(2) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Facility free from pest problems (Insects, rodents) A(8)(b-c) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Play Pens observed C(4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Electrical outlets are securely covered A(11)(c) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cribs meet federal standards (reviewed certificate) D(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sink area has running water A(12)(d) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cots, mats, cribs labeled or charted for each child D(2) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Soap and disposable towels available at sink A(12)(l) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | PROGRAM 114-506 | C | N | N/A |
| Furniture, toys & equipment are clean and in good repair C(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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"/> |
| Furniture, toys & equipment meets the CPSC standards C(2) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Positive, non-abusive discipline practice B(1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Healthy animals, not permitted if allergic E(4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other environmental allergies (Policy #120) | <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 A(1)(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 A(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food A(4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Food stored & handled properly D(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Food preparers have proper hair restraints B(5) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food D(8) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45°F D(2-3) | <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 A(9-10) | <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 A(5)(a) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vehicle has proper safety restraints & in good repair I(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No bottles propped or given in cribs or on mats A(3)(c) | <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"/> |
| Food for toddlers cut in pieces ½ inch or less A(3)(k) | <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"/> |
| Food for infants cut in pieces ¼ inch or less A(3)(j) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Crock pots, bottle warmers, are inaccessible to children, No microwaving of beverages observed A(3)(d) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | G-Compliant with Regulation | | | |
| Cups and bottles labeled with child's name & used only by that child A(3)(a) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N-Noncompliant with Regulation | | | |
| | | | | 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: Carol A. Sims

Date: 4/28/26 Refused to sign.

Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: [Signature]

Date: 4/28/26 Revised February 2025