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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for the Expansion of Child First Step LLC

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly recommend the expansion of Child First Step LLC from an expanded-home program to a full-scale child development center. I have known Rosilene Ribeiro and her child care program for nearly nine years.

We are incredibly grateful for the care and education she provided our daughter from nine months of age until she was two and a half. During that time, our child learned to speak, crawl, walk, drink from a sippy cup, and then open cup, and use a spoon and fork. She learned to share toys with peers, take turns, follow directions to play games and sing songs, learn to color and write her name, and the alphabet. Our daughter built a vocabulary of colors, body parts, clothing, animals and other daily vocabulary in English and Spanish. She was bilingual in English and Spanish at this age. She also enjoyed nature, splash parks, and field trips, all while walking in the local neighborhood or using public transportation. Our refrigerator was adorned with the arts and crafts projects she did to improve her fine motor skills. Childcare providers recorded what Harriet ate, when her diaper was changed, and notes on her health or behavior in a journal that came home. Our daughter felt loved, encouraged, and challenged.

Rosiline is dedicated to building parent-provider partnerships and a community. She opened the center for after-hours celebrations for holidays and to mark students' yearly progress. We were especially grateful for the parent-teacher conferences where Rosiline shared updates on our child's developmental progress, and we had the chance to compare notes on our child's behavior at home and at the childcare center. We trusted the providers who worked with her. Rosiline was always a responsive and swift communicator with community notes and individual updates.

The local community always needs top-notch childcare. The cost of a nanny or sharing a nanny is prohibitive for many families. It can be difficult to contact, assess, and find room in small in-home childcare centers as a new parent. We were fortunate to find a small gem like CFS through word of mouth. The expansion of Child First Step LLC into a center would fit the needs of more families searching for childcare.

I strongly urge you to approve this expansion and support Child First Step LLC in its growth. I am available to provide further information or answer any questions you may have regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,



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