## STATE OF WYOMING Department of Family Services

## **Notice of Findings**

**Notice To:** Ebony Thomas - Director

Facility Name: Angels Among Us Childcare

Owner:

**Site Address:** 2605 E 12th Street **City/State/Zip:** Cheyenne, WY 82001

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 08/31/2022, and investigated by Kelli Dunne

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-49586, was provided on 08/31/2022.

The finding is listed below for each individual alleged violation of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules:

1. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 19. Infant and/or Toddler Care.

(b) Sleeping infants shall:

(x) Be moved as soon as possible if he/she falls asleep in any piece of infant equipment other than a crib, bassinet or play pen.

Explanation of Findings: It was observed by Licenser at visit that (1) infant was sleeping in a bassinet rocker.

Action Required: The practice of allowing an infant to sleep on anything but a firm flat surface required by the WY childcare licensing rules needs to stop immediately. The Director shall review Chapter 4, Section 19 of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules. A statement acknowledging that they have done so needs to be emailed to the Licenser. A corrective action plan detailing how the facility will ensure that this does not happen again needs to be completed including how the Director is going to safely sleep infants.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 09/28/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date: Compliance Due Date: 09/28/2022

Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 19. Infant and/or Toddler Care.

(b) Sleeping infants shall:

(iii) Have nothing placed in or over the infant's sleep space;

Explanation of Findings: It was observed by Licenser at visit that (1) infant was sleeping with a blanket.

Action Required: The practice of allowing an infant to sleep with loose bedding which is prohibited by the WY childcare licensing rules needs to stop immediately. The director needs to take 2 hours of training on safe sleep practices. This training needs to be completed by 10.14.22. A corrective action plan detailing how the facility will ensure that this does not happen again needs to be completed including how the Director is going to safely sleep infants.

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3. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 19. Infant and/or Toddler Care.

(b) Sleeping infants shall:

(iv) Pacifiers shall only be used when provided by the parent(s) and attachments to pacifiers are prohibited;

Explanation of Findings: It was observed by Licenser during visit that (1) infant was sleeping with a pacifier that had an attachment.

Action Required: The practice of allowing an infant to sleep with a pacifier that has an attachment which is prohibited by the WY childcare licensing rules needs to stop immediately. A corrective action plan detailing how the facility will ensure that this does not happen again needs to be completed including how the Director is going to safely sleep infants.

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The Department requests your cooperation in ensuring compliance is met. In the absence of cooperation, the Department may take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the safety of children.

The Department's information may be shared with authorized individuals or agencies, which include, but are not limited to, the Attorney General, County Attorney, and law enforcement.

If you disagree with the Department's finding of a non-compliance violation, you may request an Administrative hearing within (10) days of your receipt of this letter (W.S. 14–4–108). Administrative hearing procedures are included in the Wyoming Department of Family Services Contested Case Hearing Rules, Chapter 2, Substitute Care and Child Care Licensing and based on the above statute. If you need a copy of the Rules, or assistance in requesting an Administrative hearing, you may contact the Department of Family Services Field Office in the county where you live.

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