

**Notice of Findings**

**Notice To:** Heather Bruce - Director  
**Facility Name:** Beautiful Dreams Learning Center II  
**Owner:** Heather Bruce  
**Site Address:** 3930 Farthing Rd  
**City/State/Zip:** Cheyenne, WY 82001-0000

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 10/23/2023, and investigated by Ariel Schmitzer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5556, was provided on 10/26/2023.

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

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1. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements  
Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(e) When age groups are combined the following staff:child ratios and group sizes for the youngest age group present shall apply. These options represent maximum numbers of children per youngest age group and total.

(i) When one (1) staff person is present caring for up to six (6) children under the age of 36 months there shall be no more than two (2) under the age of 12 months, no more than two (2), one (1) year to 24 months, and no more than two (2), two (2) years to 36 months, with a maximum group size of eight (8) children; or

Allegation: A report has been received that on at least one occasion in the first three weeks of October one staff member was alone with more than 10 children.

Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence obtained over the course of this investigation, it has been found that the facility has been out of compliance on multiple occasions in the first three weeks of October. These violations occurred as follows: In the morning of October 10, 2023, the director of the facility was alone with 7 children, including 3 infants. In the morning of October 13, 2023, the director of the facility was alone with 10 children, including 3 infants and 1 one year old. In the morning of October 17, 2023, the director of the facility was alone with 9 children, including 2 infants and a 1 year old. In the morning of October 19, 2023, the director of the facility was alone with 11 children, including 3 infants and a 1 year old. There is no scenario in the Child Care Licensing rules in which one individual could be alone with this number and ages of children. The maximum amount of children for 1 person is 2 under 2 years old for a total of 10, or 2 infants, 2 one year olds, 2 two years old

and 2 three and older, for a total of 8, with available slots moving up to older children, but never down to younger children.

Action Required: Immediately discontinue the practice of allowing the facility to be out of compliance with staff:child ratio requirements, in the mornings before a staff person arrives. Complete a corrective action plan detailing how the facility will ensure that staff:child ratios are in compliance at all times.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 11/10/2023

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 11/10/2023

Compliance Achieved Date:

**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 the 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 non-compliance for a 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 Department of Family Services' **Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules, Chapter 3, Section 5: Contested Case Hearing Rules**, and based upon the above statute. If you have questions, or need a copy of the Rules, you may contact the Department of Family Services Field office in the county where you live.

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