

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Misty Robertson - Director

Facility Name: Sweet Peas Child Care

Owner: Heather Jacobs

Site Address: 326 N 11th St

City/State/Zip: Worland, WY 82401

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 12/03/2024, and investigated by Amanda Jarrett.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5820, was provided on 12/09/2024.

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 6. Discipline and Guidance.

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:

(ii) Rough handling of children, including but not limited to hitting, spanking, beating, shaking, pinching, pushing or other measures that could produce physical pain;

Allegation: Licensing received a self-report from facility staff, MR stating she flicks children in the mouth with her fingers if they talk back per request of parents. MR states she regularly 'swats children's butts'.

Explanation of Findings: Licensing completed interviews with staff on 12/09/2024. Evidence and interviews do support a finding of non-compliance. Staff M.R. admitted flicking children ages 1-3 years of age, in the mouth, when they spit or bite and swatting children on the bottom as a form of discipline.

Action Required: Submit a Corrective Action Plan to licensing outlining rule compliant forms of guidance and discipline that will be used by staff at the facility. Include with the CAP a copy of the facility's current Guidance and Discipline policy along with a notice of read and understanding signed by all staff. Work with TA Coach, Penny Cannon or a behavior specialist of your choosing to provide staff education in effective classroom and challenging behavior management tactics. Ensure staff have a plan in place for breaks and lunches that ensures ratio is maintained at all times.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 01/16/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 01/16/2025
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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