

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Paige Fisher - Director
Facility Name: Mountain Academy Early Childhood Program
Owner:
Site Address: 700 Coyote Canyon Road
City/State/Zip: Jackson, WY 83001

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 02/14/2024, and investigated by Veronica Endecott.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5628, was provided on 02/21/2024.

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: Director Paige F, self reported that on February 12th and 13th, 2024, a staff member handled children in care roughly, including but not limited to pushing and other measures that could produce physical pain.

Explanation of Findings: A finding of non-compliance has been determined based on statements that confirm a staff member roughly handled a child in care at the facility.

Action Required: Submit to the licenser a Corrective Action Plan on how you will ensure rough handling does not occur at the facility. Submit to the licenser a written plan on procedures and strategies that staff will use when becoming agitated while caring for children.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 03/12/2024
Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
Compliance Due Date: 03/12/2024
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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Date: 03/08/2024

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