

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Sarah J Hallett - Director
Facility Name: The Pumpkins Patch
Owner: Sarah Hallett
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City/State/Zip: Laramie, WY 82070

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 06/02/2025, and investigated by Danielle Farino.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5943, was provided on 06/11/2025.

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:

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

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasion in the last 6 months, the facility was allowing items in the infants sleep space, including but not limited to medical supplies, blankets and burp cloths.

Explanation of Findings: It has been found that on one or more occasion, medical items were allowed to be in the crib with a sleeping infant, including but not limited to tubes attached to an oxygen tank, without a note from a physician on hand. It has also been found that blankets were used to cover cribs while children were being laid down for nap.

Action Required: The facility should immediately discontinue the practice of allowing items in a crib with sleeping infants, other than a pacifier. A corrective action plan shall be submitted outlining how they will ensure that they are not allowing blankets to be draped over the tops of cribs, nor shall any items be allowed in cribs, including medical supplies without a doctors note, moving forward. The owner/director and all staff members that work in the infant and toddler spaces, or work as float staff, shall complete 2 hours of training in the area of infant safe sleep by 8/1/2025. This training must be approved by Child Care Licensing and include a component that details setting up a safe sleep environment. This training may be taken online or in person with the PLC, The DFS Technical Assistance Coordinator or another approved entity. This

training may count towards the facility's biennium requirements, if approved through STARS.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 07/15/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 07/15/2025

Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements.

(w) All equipment and products used in child care facilities shall be used per manufacturer instructions. Recalled equipment and products shall be removed from the child care facility.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasion in the last 6 months, the facility has not been using infant sleep sacks as outlined in their manufacturer's instructions.

Explanation of Findings: It has been found that on one or more occasion in the last 6 months that sleep sacks were being tied at the arms and or legs to restrict children's movement, before they had fallen asleep. Additionally, it has been found that the facility had been using swaddles on children 1 year old or older, which is developmentally inappropriate for the use of those products.

Action Required: The facility should immediately discontinue the practice of tying the sleeves or legs of sleep sacks, or placing children in swaddles who are too old or developmentally advanced to be using them. The facility shall submit a corrective action plan outlining how they will ensure all infant sleep products are used in a manner that follows manufacturer's instructions, and complete the required training assigned by Licensing for the additional finding of noncompliance.

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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 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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Farino', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Danielle Farino

Date: 07/01/2025

CC:

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