

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Jill McHenry - Director

Facility Name: Little Feet Daycare

Owner:

Site Address: 4200 Rawlins 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 12/26/2023, and investigated by Kathy Geringer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5597, was provided on 01/10/2024.

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 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: Ongoing ratio violations have occurred in November and December 2024.

Explanation of Findings: A review of attendance records for the investigation has shown recurring ratio violations. November 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, 20, 21, and December 6, 7, 11, and 12; there were one infant and four one year olds present in Little Feet Daycare at the same time. There is no ratio scenario that would allow one staff to care for more children under two year old range than one infant and three one year olds.

Action Required: Please submit a compliance letter stating how ratios have been corrected so you will operate within ratios when the child care. Please submit a Corrective Action Plan listing the number of children under the age of twenty-four months that and one person can care for. Also state how you will in the future ensure that ratios will be maintained correctly when children are enrolled and scheduled to be in attendance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 01/22/2024

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 01/22/2024

Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 6. Family Child Care Center (FCCC)

Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(b) Group size may be relaxed and staff:child ratio reduced at nap time to one (1) staff member in the sleeping area while all children are asleep as long as that staff person has a clear view of all sleeping children in the room.

(ii) When the staff:child ratio is at a level where only one (1) staff is necessary, napping children who are not within sight of the staff person shall be within easy hearing distance at all times and shall be checked on every few minutes.

Allegation: Three preschool age children in the living room were unsupervised for approximately 19 minutes on 12/7/23, in the afternoon from approximately 1:53pm to 2:12pm.

Explanation of Findings: Based on investigation interviews a finding of non-compliance has been made on the allegation of three preschool age children in the living room unsupervised for approximately 19 minutes on 12/7/23. The violation occurred during afternoon nap time from approximately 1:53pm to 2:12pm.

Action Required: Corrective Action Plan: Please submit a corrective action plan stating what the supervision plan will be when children are located in different areas of the facility to ensure children are within easy hearing distance and shall be checked on every few minutes. For compliance: Complete the training, "WY Department of Family Services Child Care Licensing Rules 2022". This training is on the Thinkific site.

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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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Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy Geringer', with a stylized, cursive-like script.

Kathy Geringer

Date: 01/10/2024

CC: