

**Notice of Findings**

**Notice To:** Sandy J Hixson - Director  
**Facility Name:** Granny's Playhouse  
**Owner:** Sandy Hixson  
**Site Address:** 1001 22nd St.  
**City/State/Zip:** Wheatland, WY 82201

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 09/28/2023, and investigated by Kathy Geringer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5553, was provided on 10/11/2023.

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 3. Owner, Director, and Staff Requirements.

(e) All staff, household members, substitutes, and volunteers shall complete child abuse/neglect Central Registry background checks and a National and state Sex Offender Registry check once a year, for Wyoming and each state the person has lived in the past five (5) years. These checks shall be kept current at all times, using the date the check was performed as the initial date, and repeated every year thereafter. An out-of-state abuse/neglect Central Registry background check for states lived in during the past five (5) years do not have to be repeated unless the person has lived in that state since the last check was performed. The Department may require a new child abuse/neglect Central Registry background check at any time for staff, household members, substitutes, and volunteers.

Allegation: The Wyoming Central Registry for one of Mrs. Sandy Hixson's household members expired on 9/27/23.

Explanation of Findings: The expired Wyoming Central Registry was not replaced with a current Central Registry Report until 9/29/23.

Action Required: Please submit a Corrective Action Plan stating how you ensure the Wyoming Central Registry will be kept current for all staff and household members at all times.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 10/25/2023

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 09/28/2023

Compliance Achieved Date: 10/29/2023

**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 be 'Kathy Geringer', written over a horizontal line.

Kathy Geringer

Date: 10/11/2023

CC:

Sandy Hixson - Owner  
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