

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Maria Chavez - Director

Facility Name: Little Rascals

Owner: Maria Chavez

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The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 06/10/2024, and investigated by Danielle Farino.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5707, was provided on 06/12/2024.

The finding is listed below for each individual alleged violation of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules:

1. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 11. Reports.

(a) All child care facilities shall report any injury, illness or incident which occurs at the facility and results in medical treatment, hospitalization or death to the parents of the child(ren) immediately and to the child care licensor within 24 hours. A written report shall be sent to the child care licensor within three (3) days of the incident. The death of any child in care, regardless of cause, shall be reported to licensing immediately.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasions within the past 12 months, a child in care was taken to the hospital and received medical attention for an injury/incident that occurred at care and DFS Licensing was not notified.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:
Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
Compliance Due Date:
Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(b) Staff:child ratios and supervision requirements as described in this chapter shall be

maintained at all times.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasion within the past 12 months, children in care were not directly supervised while playing in the outdoor play space.

Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence collected, it has been found that on one or more occasion within the past 12 months, children in care were not directly supervised while playing in the outdoor play space. This occurred when licensing observed that there were 2 school aged children alone outside without a staff member within sight or sound.

Action Required: Immediately discontinue the practice of allowing children to be in the outdoor play space without supervision. Submit a corrective action plan outlining how you will ensure that staff are outside with children, and directly supervising them, at all times.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 07/03/2024

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 07/03/2024

Compliance Achieved Date:

3. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(b) Staff:child ratios and supervision requirements as described in this chapter shall be maintained at all times.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasion within the past 12 months, the facility was not following staff:child ratios when they had up to 22 children with 2 staff members.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

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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