

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Miranda S Russell - Director
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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 06/05/2024, and investigated by Kathy Geringer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5703, was provided on 06/06/2024.

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

1. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 6. Family Child Care Center (FCCC)
Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(d) There shall be at least one (1) adult staff supervising the care of children at all times and the following supervision requirements also apply:

(i) Awake infants and toddlers shall be directly supervised by staff at all times;

Allegation: A report has been received that within the last four months toddlers being in the outdoor play yard unsupervised. These unsupervised toddlers are reported to have been crawling on the deck stairs.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to make a finding of non-compliance on this allegation.

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

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 6. Family Child Care Center (FCCC)
Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(d) There shall be at least one (1) adult staff supervising the care of children at all times and the following supervision requirements also apply:

(ii) Children who have completed kindergarten or are enrolled in first grade or are six

(6) years old or older may be located in adjacent outdoor fenced areas of the facility if there is direct access, the staff person can clearly hear what happens in the adjacent area and the staff person remains attentive and moves from one area to the other every couple of minutes;

Allegation: A report has been received that in the last two weeks, older children are in the outdoor play yard, which is not a space that is adjacent to the indoor child care area, and are unsupervised by staff. Children have been observed sitting on the deck rail, Climbing on the outside of the deck railings, and lifting window well covers to allow younger children access to the window wells.

Explanation of Findings: Investigation interviews and evidence have determined that children have been able to sit on and climb on the deck railings and have lifted the window well covers allowing access to younger children. These incidents would not have happened if staff were properly supervising children, therefore the result of this investigation is a finding of non-compliance.

Action Required: Please submit for compliance a written statement advising that children will not be in the play yard unsupervised. Please submit a corrective action plan stating how all staff will supervise children when they are outside.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 06/27/2024

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 06/17/2024

Compliance Achieved Date:

3. Finding: Compliant

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

Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements.

(d) There shall be at least one (1) adult staff supervising the care of children at all times and the following supervision requirements also apply:

(v) All children shall be located on the same level of staff at all times.

Allegation: A report has been received that within the last four months children have been in the outside play yard unsupervised. The play yard is not on the same level as the child care area and is accessed by a flight of deck steps.

Explanation of Findings: Child Care Licensing is not making a finding on this allegation at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

4. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements.

(t) Staff and household members shall not consume or be under the influence of any substance that may impair their ability to care for children, including, alcohol, certain prescription drugs or illegal drugs; or misuse prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs, on or off the premises, while child care children are present, and while transporting child care children. The use of tobacco, tobacco products or electronic cigarettes is prohibited in the facility or off premises when children are present and in care.

Allegation: A report has been received that in the last four months staff have been smoking on the facility deck within the sight of children in the outdoor play area.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

5. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements.

(c) The overall condition of the child care facility and grounds, including play areas, equipment, and toys, shall be maintained in a clean, uncluttered, safe condition and free of hazards.

Allegation: A report has been received that the facility's outdoor play yard is overgrown with grass and weeds.

Explanation of Findings: At the time of the investigation visit of 6/6/24 the play yard was not overgrown, resulting in a finding of compliance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

6. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements.

(a) Children shall be present only in areas of the facility approved and inspected for child care and designated for their use.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last 2 weeks the basement of the home which was not approved or designated for use has been utilized for childcare.

Explanation of Findings: Based on Interviews and Licensing observations during this investigation, it has been found that on one or more occasions, child care children have been allowed to use the basement of the home, which is not an approved or designated child care space. This allegation has been found to be non-compliant.

Action Required: Please submit a compliance letter stating that use of the basement by child care children is no longer allowed. Please submit a Corrective Action Plan stating children enrolled in child care will not be allowed in the facility basement regardless or age or relative status. This includes the providers own children below school age, relatives of the provider who are under the age of 13, and children of staff under the age of 13 who are in child care. When the Director is absent from the facility, and staff are supervising children, the Director's school age relatives, other than her own children, are not to be using the basement.

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Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 06/17/2024

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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Signature:

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

Kathy Geringer

Date: 06/14/2024

CC:

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