

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Amber Hutchinson - 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 12/06/2024, and investigated by Danielle Farino.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5821, was provided on 12/10/2024.

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 6. Discipline and Guidance.

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:

(v) Any form of emotional maltreatment including rejecting, terrorizing, corrupting, isolating or ignoring a child. Children can be removed from a group, but not isolated. Behaviors of a child may be ignored, but not the child;

Allegation: It has been reported that on or around 12/4/2024, a child was emotionally maltreated by a staff member in the facility who was using inappropriate physical gestures as punishment for a child who was visibly upset.

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 6. Discipline and Guidance.

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:

(ii) Rough handling of children, including but not limited to hitting, spanking, beating,

shaking, pinching, pushing or other measures that could produce physical pain;

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasion on 12/4/2024, a teacher in the facility roughly handled a child in several ways; including but not limited to slapping their cheeks, rubbing their cheeks vigorously, shaking their head side to side, using their forearm to cover their mouth, and using the child's arms to cover their mouth.

Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence obtained throughout the course of this investigation, it has been found that on 12/4/2024, staff member BO roughly handled a child in several ways including but not limited to shaking the child's head back and forth vigorously, using their forearm to cover the child's mouth and using the child's arms to cover their own mouth. All of these actions took place while the child was visibly upset. Administrative staff took action towards reprimanding this staff member promptly, but took approximately 15 minutes to respond to the incident after they became aware that it occurred.

Action Required: The facility has taken steps to mediate any future risk to children by terminating the staff's employment from the facility, contacting DFS to self report, and contacting WYECBC to hold a training event for all staff on how to respond to unfamiliar incidents. The facility shall continue these efforts, as well as submitting a corrective action plan on how they will improve response time when staff are in need of support, how they will train staff to ask for support if they recognize a staff member or children are struggling in the classroom, and how they will ensure that there is always a support person available to assist in the classrooms. This plan shall be submitted to DFS within 30 days, with signatures from all staff members involved, acknowledging their role in this plan.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 01/01/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 01/18/2025

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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