

Notice of Findings

Notice To: JULIE BELTON - Director
Facility Name: Mountain Sprouts Childcare
Owner:
Site Address: 125 S. Cole St
City/State/Zip: Pinedale, WY 82941

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 05/01/2026, and investigated by Kelli Dunne.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-6098, was provided on 05/05/2026.

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:

(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 occasions in the last (60) days, the Director of the facility JB rough handled a child in care by grabbing them by the arm and dropping them to the ground.

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: 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 occasions in the last (60) days, the Director of the facility JB rough handled a child in care by dragging them from one area of the facility to the other.

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

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3. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 6. Discipline and Guidance.

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:
(i) Punishment associated with food, rest or toileting;

Allegation: It was reported that on one or more occasions in the last (60) days, the Director of the facility JB disciplined a child in care by shoving their face into the sleep mat to force them to lay their head down.

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

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4. 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:
(iii) Inappropriate use of language, including but not limited to profanity, name-calling, derogatory or demeaning terminology or screaming related to disciplinary purposes;

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last (60) days, the Director of the facility JB yells at one or more children in care.

Explanation of Findings: During this investigation and through interviews conducted, it has been found that on at least one occasion in the last (60) days, the Director of the facility JB has yelled at one or more children in care and told a child that they had made her angry.

Action Required: The Director will develop and implement a comprehensive corrective action plan to correct the violation and ensure that this will not happen again. This plan shall include how the director will ensure the proper treatment & respect for all children. This plan shall also include details of the following components: 1). The Director must schedule and obtain two hours of training in the area of anger management. This training must be completed within thirty days. 2). Certificate of completion and an at least one paragraph statement shall be submitted which outlines what JB learned from this training and how she will apply this knowledge to future situations.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 06/10/2026

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
Compliance Due Date: 06/26/2026
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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