

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Deonn Brown - Director
Facility Name: Marion Daycare and Learning Center
Owner:
Site Address: 710 Marion St
City/State/Zip: Sheridan, WY 82801

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 04/15/2024, and investigated by Kristi Bennick.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5671, was provided on 04/23/2024.

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

1. 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: Reporter alleges during the month of March 2024, staff D.B. pulled a child by the ear and or hair as a form of discipline.

Explanation of Findings: Base on interviews and information collected during investigation, it was determined that children were rough handled by staff D.B. directing children's movement by squeezing the back of the neck to guide them to the office as a consequence for their behavior.

Action Required: Please submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to include when and how (through what source) you will obtain an additional 3 hours training related to guidance and discipline. Please include how you will implement the techniques learned/reviewed in the training that you select and how you will ensure that all staff understand the methods that will be permitted to be used by staff in your program, in accordance with Licensing Rules.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 06/07/2024
Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
Compliance Due Date: 06/21/2024
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:

(vi) Any form of confining a child's movement or restraining a child as a means of punishment; and

Allegation: Reporter alleges that in the month of April 2024, staff D.B. pinned a child's arms with their hands under them so the child could not move as a means of punishment.

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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