

Notice of Findings

Notice To: PEGGY STANTON - Director
Facility Name: CHILDRENS CENTER
Owner:
Site Address: 863 HIGHLAND AVE
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 09/06/2023, and investigated by Kristi Bennick.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5535, was provided on 09/12/2023.

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

1. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 3. Denial, Revocation Or Suspension of License
Section 1. Reasons for Denial, Revocation or Suspension.

(a) The Department may deny, revoke, or suspend a license for reasons including, but not limited to:

(iii) Any staff, household member, volunteer, employee, or substitute who consumes or is under the influence of any substance that may impair their ability to care for children, including, alcohol, prescription drugs or illegal drugs, at any time while child care children are present, on or off the facility premises or while transporting children;

Allegation: It was self-reported to licensing that on or about 9/6/23, a staff member admitted to using methamphetamine prior to working in the center.

Explanation of Findings: Based on interviews and information collected during the investigation, it was determined that on 9/5/23 a staff member had used methamphetamine prior to working with children on 8/29/23, 8/30/23, and 8/31/23. The staff reported to the Assistant Director, Heather, on 9/5/23 that the staff had used/ingested methamphetamine and had immediately returned to work. The Assistant Director did not follow facility policy/ procedures and allowed the staff to continue working with children in the afternoon of 9/5/23 and again on the morning of 9/6/23.

Action Required: *As all children in the Big Tots Classroom had the potential to have been in contact with the staff person under the influence, the facility must inform all enrolled children's families who were in attendance from 8/29/23-8/31/23 in the Big Tots Room. Please include: Information re: contact with the staff, the dates of the the contact with the staff, steps the facility has taken or will take to mitigate concerns, and information that DFS will be contacting families of the children who were in contact with the staff. Please provide documentation showing what will be provided to parents as well as the families that will be provided the information prior to sending, by 9/26/23. *As the facility has recently updated and reviewed the drug and alcohol policy, and trained all staff on that policy, additional staff training will not be needed at this time. However, all Supervisors and staff who may act as Assistant Director in the Director's absence must review and discuss plans if additional issues were to arise in the future. *Please submit a Corrective Action Plan detailing how that training and discussion will be accomplished, which staff will participate, and what actions will be taken to ensure the policy is

enforced in the future.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 10/09/2023

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 09/26/2023

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 'Kristi Bennick', written over a horizontal line.

Kristi Bennick

Date: 09/25/2023

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