

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 01/03/2024, and investigated by Kristi Bennick.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5600, was provided on 01/10/2024.

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 that in the month of December 2023, a staff, S. E. was alleged to have rough handled children in the 2 year old classroom, including but not limited to dragging children by their arms.

Explanation of Findings: Based on interviews and video footage of the classroom, it was determined that staff member, S.E. roughly handled children by dragging two children by their arms across the classroom.

Action Required: Staff member, S.E. was removed from the classroom when the incident came to the attention of the deputy director. S.E. is no longer employed with Childrens Center. Please provide corrective action plan to licensing stating how you will train staff and maintain compliance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 02/06/2024

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 02/06/2024

Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: 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: Reporter alleges that in the months of December 2023 and January 2024, staff R. W. has been under the influence of marijuana while working with children.

Explanation of Findings: Interviews and evidence collected through the investigation support a finding of compliance.

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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