

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Ruth Weiher - 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 10/17/2024, and investigated by Kristi Bennick.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5797, was provided on 10/22/2024.

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: It was reported by the facility that on or about October 14th, a staff member dragged a child out of her class by the feet.

Explanation of Findings: A finding of non-compliance is based on evidence collected during the investigation. The staff member was sent home the day of the incident and employment was terminated the following day.

Action Required: Please send corrective action plan stating how you will maintain compliance in the future.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 11/27/2024

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 10/22/2024

Compliance Achieved Date: 10/22/2024

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 'K. Bennick', written over a large, faint watermark of the word 'KADPONE'.

Kristi Bennick

Date: 11/14/2024

CC:

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