

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 03/26/2025, and investigated by Kristi Bennick.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5896, was provided on 03/27/2025.

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 to licensing that on 3/24/25, a child's neck and mouth were "scrubbed red and raw" with a magic eraser until the child was in pain.

Explanation of Findings: Interviews and video support a finding of non-compliance. Video from the classroom showed a teacher scrubbing on a child's face, causing red burn marks from a magic eraser.

Action Required: The director addressed the incident with the employee, requiring additional training. Please submit the action taken by the director, as well as the training required of the employee. Please also submit a corrective action plan stating how you will maintain compliance as well as

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 04/29/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 03/27/2025

Compliance Achieved Date: 03/27/2025

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 large, faint watermark of the Wyoming state seal.

Kristi Bennick

Date: 04/15/2025

CC:

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