

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Sarah J Hallett - Director
Facility Name: The Pumpkins Patch
Owner: Sarah Hallett
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The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 06/02/2025, and investigated by Danielle Farino

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-54897, was provided on 06/02/2025.

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 3. Owner, Director, and Staff Requirements.

(a) Before the owner, director, their staff, household member, employee, substitute or volunteer assume responsibility for children, provide direct care of children, work in the facility or move into the Family Child Care Home or Family Child Care Center, the following shall be on file:

Explanation of Findings: It was observed at an unannounced visit on this day that there were 2 staff members present without all background check requirements. Staff member ZB did not have completed fingerprints and staff member CS had not completed fingerprints, central registry, or sex offender registry checks.

Action Required: The staff members were asked to leave the facility at this time. The facility shall complete a corrective action plan outlining how they will ensure that they will not allow staff in the facility, supervised or not, until all background checks are completed or a variance is submitted. The facility shall immediately discontinue the practice of allow staff members into the facility without all completed background checks.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 06/20/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 06/20/2025

Compliance Achieved Date:

Action Met Comments: Staff members left the facility while DF was present. Sarah submitted variances for remaining new hires.

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements.

(a) Children shall be present only in areas of the facility approved and inspected for child care and designated for their use.

Explanation of Findings: It was observed at an unannounced visit conducted on this day that children were present and being cared for in a room that was not approved or inspected for child care use.

Action Required: Children were immediately removed from this additional space and brought back to an approved area for care. Immediately discontinue the practice of using spaces that were not approved by DFS Licensing. The facility shall submit a corrective action plan outlining how they will ensure that they will not be using any spaces that are not approved for care in future situations.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 06/20/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 06/20/2025

Compliance Achieved Date:

Action Met Comments: Children were immediately removed from the unapproved space.

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 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 a non-compliance 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 Wyoming Department of Family Services Contested Case Hearing Rules, Chapter 2, Substitute Care and Child Care Licensing and based on the above statute. If you need a copy of the Rules, or assistance in requesting an Administrative hearing, 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 'D. Farino', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Danielle Farino

Date: 06/06/2025

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