

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Maureen Giordano - Director

Facility Name: The Neighborhood School

Owner:

Site Address: 511 W 19th Street

City/State/Zip: Cheyenne, WY 82001

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 01/21/2021, and investigated by Michelle Tucker.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5046, was provided on 01/29/2021.

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 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements

(b) Staff:child ratios and supervision requirements as described in this chapter shall be maintained at all times.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last 3 months, the facility has been out of compliance with staff:child ratio requirements.

Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence obtained over the course of this investigation, it has been found that in the last 3 months, the facility has been out of compliance with staff:child ratio requirements on multiple occasions. Typically this happens for short periods of time, 15 minutes or less, but has been found to have happened for at least 30 minutes in the one year old classroom on one occasion and at least 45 minutes in the three year old classroom on another occasion. This occurs primarily in the mornings when children are being dropped off and in the late afternoons when groups are combining at the end of the day.

Action Required: Immediately ensure that all classrooms are in compliance with staff:child ratio requirements. Review attendance records and staff schedules to determine where more staff members are needed and why the staff:child ratios compliance issues are happening, then complete the enclosed Corrective Action Plan detailing how the facility will ensure compliance with staff:child ratios going forward.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 03/04/2021

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 02/12/2021
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 that reads "M. Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Michelle Tucker

Date: 02/11/2021

CC:

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