

Notice of Findings

Notice To: DONNA HARRISON - Director
Facility Name: Smart Start Montessori Academy
Owner:
Site Address: 1014 North 8th West
City/State/Zip: Riverton, WY 82501

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 10/03/2019, and investigated by Regien Hasperhoven.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-4837, was provided on 10/08/2019.

The finding is listed below for each individual alleged violation of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules:

1. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 7. Rules for Certification Of A Child Care Center (CCC)
Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements

(f) There shall be at least one (1) adult staff directly supervising children in each area of the facility where children are located at all times.

Allegation: It was reported that on 10/03/2019, around 4 PM, two children were observed running from the Smart Start Quality Child Care Center to the Smart Start Montessori Academy without an adult directly supervising them.

Explanation of Findings: Through interviews it was established that 2 children ran from the Smart Start Quality Child Care Center to the Smart Start Montessori Academy. Although it was only a short distance, and an adult was watching through a window, this does not constitute "direct supervision", which is defined in Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules 2016 as "within sight and sound".

Action Required: Please discontinue this practice immediately and submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to show how you will ensure this will not happen in the future. If you wish to continue sending children to the kitchen and back, please develop a plan that ensures the children are directly supervised at all times during this activity.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 11/01/2019
Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date: 10/19/2019
Compliance Due Date: 11/01/2019
Compliance Achieved Date: 10/19/2019

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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