

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 02/03/2022, and investigated by Tresa King.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5220, was provided on 02/15/2022.

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

1. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 6. Discipline and Guidance

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:
(v) Any form of emotional maltreatment including rejecting, terrorizing, corrupting, isolating or ignoring a child. Children can be removed from a group, but not isolated. Behaviors of a child may be ignored, but not the child; and

Allegation: It was reported that on 2/3/22 staff placed a child in isolation in a room when they exhibited behavior issues.

Explanation of Findings: Finding of complaint due to lack of supporting evidence.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 02/25/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 02/15/2022

Compliance Achieved Date: 02/15/2022

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.

Allegation: It was reported that on 2/3/22 a child was placed in a room that was not

approved, inspected, and designated for child care use.

Explanation of Findings: Finding on non compliance. Observation of the room by licenser and statements from staff provided evidence that children have access to the store room which is not inspected and designated as approved child care space. Director agreed to close the door at the time of the visit and child proof knob cover is in place to prevent access to the room by children.

Action Required: Complete and submit a Corrective Action Plan detailing how you will ensure that children do not have access to the store room. Please include how staff will be informed that the room is not approved child care space and children are not to be allowed in the room.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 03/25/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date: 04/27/2022

Compliance Due Date: 02/15/2022

Compliance Achieved Date: 02/15/2022

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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