

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Jackie L Burgess - Director
Facility Name: Sunny Sprouts
Owner: Jackie Burgess
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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 08/15/2022, and investigated by Kelli Dunne.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5333, was provided on 08/18/2022.

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:
(iv) Any form of humiliation including threats of physical punishment;

Allegation: It was reported that during the week of August 8th 2022, a staff member was heard using humiliating and threatening language to a child.

Explanation of Findings: It was found through interviews and evidence obtained over the course of this investigation, that on an ongoing basis and including during the week of August 8, 2022, staff members of the facility are using threatening and/or humiliating language towards children in care. This language includes threatening time out for excessive periods of time and for actions that would not be eligible for time out under the WY Child Care Licensing Rules, such as such as running, talking back or not listening.

Action Required: The facility will develop and implement a comprehensive corrective action plan to correct the violation and ensure that this will not happen again. This plan will include the following components: 1). The Director and staff members shall review Chapter 4, Section 6 of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules. A statement acknowledging that they have done so needs to be signed and retained in staff file. 2). All staff including director will complete a (4) hour approved DFS training in the area of discipline and guidance. One approved option is to coordinate and work with Char Norris with the WYECPLC. An approved training must be scheduled to begin within the next 30 days.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 09/06/2022
Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
Compliance Due Date: 09/23/2022
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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Date: 8/23/2022

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