

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Francie N Gregory - Director
Facility Name: Weston County Childrens Center
Owner:
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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 01/21/2022, and investigated by Irene Maurer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5215, was provided on 01/26/2022.

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:

(ii) Rough handling of children, including but not limited to hitting, spanking, beating, shaking, pinching, pushing or other measures that could produce physical pain;

Allegation: It has been reported that on one occasion, a staff member put their foot on a child's chest and was subsequently fired.

Explanation of Findings: Through evidence and interviews obtained over the course of this investigation, it has been found that a child was rough handled when a staff member put their foot on a child's chest on 10/9/20.

Action Required: Staff was immediately terminated after the incident occurred. Complete the Corrective Action Plan form explaining why this incident happened in the facility and how the facility will ensure that this will not happen in the future. Please include any training or child handling policies in place or to be implemented and how the facility will monitor staff member compliance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 03/18/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 01/26/2022

Compliance Achieved Date: 01/26/2022

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 11. Reports

(c) All staff are required to report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect. A provider, director or their staff shall report immediately to the local Department office and local law enforcement any circumstances indicating that a child in care may have been subjected to abuse or neglect.

Allegation: It has been reported that the facility was aware of suspected abuse and did not

report it to the local authorities.

Explanation of Findings: Through evidence and interviews obtained over the course of this investigation, it has been found that suspected child abuse was not reported to local authorities on one occasion in October 2020.

Action Required: A mandated reporter is one who is required to report concerns of abuse or neglect. This would mean that anyone who forms a reasonable belief that a child is in need of protection from harm should report the situation to DFS or Law Enforcement. Local authorities determine what is or is not abuse. Please complete a Corrective Action Plan detailing how the facility will assure that staff are aware of the need to report and ways that reports may be made in the future.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 03/18/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

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3. Finding: 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 staff:child ratios are not maintained at all times.

Explanation of Findings: Evidence supports a finding of compliance at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Maurer', written over a white background.

Date: 03/21/2022

Irene Maurer

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