

Notice of Findings

Notice To: JAN E LAWRENCE - Director

Facility Name: BASIC BEGINNINGS

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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: 04/19/2019, and investigated by Michelle Tucker

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

Reported Allegation:

1. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements

(c) The overall condition of the child care facility and grounds, including play areas, equipment, and toys, shall be maintained in a clean, uncluttered, safe condition and free of hazards.

Reason: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last twelve (12) months, a child in care has escaped through the fence of the toddler out door play area.

Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence obtained over the course of this investigation, it was found that in the spring of 2018, a gap in the fence surrounding the toddler outdoor play area existed and was large enough that a child was able to and did escape the yard area through it. This gap in the fence was repaired immediately after this incident.

Compliance Action Required: Complete the enclosed Corrective Action Plan detailing how the facility will maintain compliance with the requirement to keep the facility grounds in safe condition. Please specifically address how the fence will be monitored for gaps or other unsafe conditions and corrected before children have access to this area.

Compliance Due Date: 06/13/2019

Compliance Achieved Date: 06/06/2019

2. Finding: 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.

Reason: It has been reported that on an ongoing basis, a child in care has been bitten around 15 times since November 27, 2018. These bites were documented on injury reports provided to parents. This leads to a concern regarding appropriate supervision. Additionally, it has been reported that on one or more occasions in the same time period, a child in care came home with bite and/or pinch marks and these injuries could not be explained by classroom staff.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Compliance Action Required:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

3. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 6. Discipline and Guidance

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:

(vi) Any form of confining a child's movement or restraining a child as a means of punishment.

Reason: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last twelve (12) months, a child in care has been restrained by being strapped into a chair for the purpose of preventing further biting incidents. Other than at appropriate times in appropriate equipment, rules do not allow for children to be strapped into a chair.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Compliance Action Required:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

4. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 6. Discipline and Guidance

(d) The following behavior shall be prohibited in all child care settings:

(iii) Inappropriate use of language, including but not limited to profanity, name-calling, derogatory or demeaning terminology or screaming related to disciplinary purposes;

Reason: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last twelve (12) months, a staff member of the facility has yelled at a child in care to discipline biting behaviors.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Compliance Action Required:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

5. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 14. Health and Safety Requirements

(d) All rooms used by children shall be adequately heated, cooled, illuminated, and ventilated.

Reason: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the summer of 2018, the infant classroom was not adequately cooled and/or ventilated.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Compliance Action Required:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

6. 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

Reason: It has been reported that on or around April 17, 2019, a child was isolated from the rest of the children in care due to an ongoing struggle with biting behaviors. Isolating children in care for any reason, including behavior modification, is not permitted per the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules.

Explanation of Findings: There is not enough evidence to support a finding of non-compliance.

Compliance Action Required:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

If you disagree with the Department's finding of a non-compliance 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 Wyoming Department of Family Services Contested Case Hearing Rules, Chapter 2, Substitute Care and Child Care Licensing and based on the above statute. If you need a copy of the Rules, or assistance in requesting an Administrative hearing, you may contact the Department of Family Services Field Office in the county where you live.

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