

**Notice of Findings**

**Notice To:** Tara E Johnson - Director  
**Facility Name:** The Backyard Child Care Center, LLC  
**Owner:** Tara Johnson  
**Site Address:** 515 E. Carlson St. Unit #99  
**City/State/Zip:** Cheyenne, WY 82009

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 12/05/2023, and investigated by Kathy Geringer

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-52096, was provided on 12/05/2023.

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

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1. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements  
Section 3. Owner, Director, and Staff Requirements.

(e) All staff, household members, substitutes, and volunteers shall complete child abuse/neglect Central Registry background checks and a National and state Sex Offender Registry check once a year, for Wyoming and each state the person has lived in the past five (5) years. These checks shall be kept current at all times, using the date the check was performed as the initial date, and repeated every year thereafter. An out-of-state abuse/neglect Central Registry background check for states lived in during the past five (5) years do not have to be repeated unless the person has lived in that state since the last check was performed. The Department may require a new child abuse/neglect Central Registry background check at any time for staff, household members, substitutes, and volunteers.

Explanation of Findings: The WY Central Registry expired for one staff member on 11/10/23.

Action Required: Submit a new WY Central Registry this day. Submit a Corrective Action Plan stated how you will avoid WY Central Registry expirations in the future.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 12/19/2023

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 12/05/2023

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 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 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.

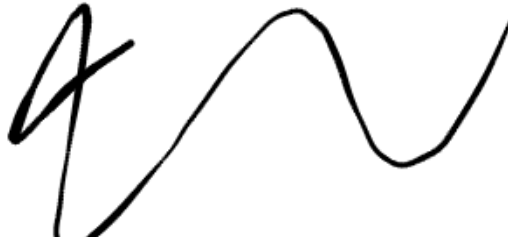
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Date: 12/05/2023

CC:

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