

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Lori A Milnes - Director
Facility Name: Wyoming Child & Family Development Wheatland Early Childhood Center
Owner:
Site Address: 28 ROMPOON ROAD
City/State/Zip: Wheatland, WY 82201

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 12/17/2021, and investigated by Kathy Geringer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5198, was provided on 12/20/2021.

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:

(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: A report has been received of a child being spanked in the classroom in approximately the last seven days.

Explanation of Findings: There is no evidence to result in a finding of non-compliance for this allegation.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: 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: A report has been received of a child's face hitting a bathroom counter during a struggle over handwashing, in approximately the last seven days.

Explanation of Findings: There is no evidence to result in a finding of non-compliance for this allegation.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

3. 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:

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

Allegation: A report has been received of two children being held down by staff in the classroom, during the fall of the 2021 school year.

Explanation of Findings: Based on investigation interviews a finding of non-compliance has been made that at least one child has been restrained in one of the facility's classrooms.

Action Required: Please submit a corrective action plan stating how children will be handled in a manner that does not involve restraint. Please also note how staff will be trained on not using restraints as punishment.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 01/28/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 01/28/2022

Compliance Achieved Date:

4. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 18. Food Service

(a) Nutritionally balanced snacks, meals and appropriate portions for the needs and ages of children shall be provided;

(i) Adequate fluids shall be provided and encouraged; and

Allegation: A report had been received that children have been denied drinks when they were asked for them this has occurred during the fall of 2021 school year.

Explanation of Findings: There is no evidence to result in a finding of non-compliance for this allegation.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date:

Compliance Achieved Date:

5. 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:

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

Allegation: A report has been received of classroom staff yelling and speaking rudely and in a controlling manner to children during the fall of the 2021 school year.

Explanation of Findings: Based on investigation interviews, children in one classroom have been inappropriately spoken to; they have been subjected to yelling, spoken to rudely and in a controlling manner. This situation has been a common occurrence between September and December in 2021.

Action Required: Please submit a corrective action plan that explains how corrections will be made and how staff will be trained to speak to children while modeling good behaviors and promoting positive nurturing interactions with children.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 01/28/2022

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 01/28/2022

Compliance Achieved Date:

6. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

Section 18. Food Service

(a) Nutritionally balanced snacks, meals and appropriate portions for the needs and ages of children shall be provided;

Allegation: A report has been received that in approximately the last fourteen days, a child not being allowed to have additional meal servings after having asked for them.

Explanation of Findings: There is no evidence to result in a finding of non-compliance for this allegation.

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.

Licenser: Kathy Geringer
Address: 1556 Progress Court
City/State/Zip: Wheatland WY 82201
Phone: 307-322-3790
Email: Kathy.Geringer@wyo.gov

Licenser Supervisor: Regien Hasperhoven
Address: 877 N 8th Street W, Second Floor
City/State/Zip: Riverton WY 82501
Phone: 307-857-9281
Email: Regien.Hasperhoven@wyo.gov

Signature: _____
Kathy Geringer

Date: _____

CC:
Daniel Sisson - Board President
daniel.sisson@fsbwy.com