

Date Issued	March 26, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	STEPPING STONES MONTROSE		
Provider ID	014512580		
Provider Address	311 Church Ave, Montrose, SD 57048, USA		
Provider Contact	LaTanya Reyna		

The items listed below are those that the provider was not in compliance with at the time of the inspection.

Compliance Plan Action #1

Administrative Rule:

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Center and school-age programs operating outside of a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:05 and 61:15:06. School-age programs operating in a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:01, 61:15:02, and 61:15:07.

A family day care home must have the following fire safety measures in place:

- (1) A working smoke detector must be located on each level of the home;
- (2) A fully charged, portable fire extinguisher, with a minimum 2A rating, as identified on the extinguisher label, must be kept in or within fifteen feet of the kitchen or food preparation area;
- (3) A carbon monoxide detector must be installed, according to the manufacturer's instructions, if a fuel burning appliance is present in the home;
- (4) Each level of the home must have at least two remote exits that shall remain clear of obstructions. One of these exits must be a standard-sized door, and the other may be either a standard-sized door or an unobstructed, operable window, having at least five square feet of openable space, with a minimum width of twenty inches and a minimum height of twenty-four inches; and
- (5) Whenever a portable space heater, a wood burning stove, or a fireplace is in use, the heater, stove, or fireplace must be inaccessible to children.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The rear exit that is located by the kitchen is obstructed by a toy cubbie.

Corrections to be Made:

The cubbie must be moved to maintain adequate clearance in the exit path by 03/19/25.

Corrections Made:

It was verified that the cubbie had been moved on 03/18/25.

Anticipated Completion Date:
March 26, 2025

Date Completed:
March 26, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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A provider shall meet the following requirements regarding bathrooms:

- (1) Bathroom facilities must be easily accessible by children and providers;
- (2) Hot water for faucets normally used by children in care may not exceed one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit;
- (3) Toilets and hand sinks must be kept clean and in good repair; and
- (4) For child care centers and school-age programs:
 - (4a) All bathrooms must have natural or mechanical ventilation;
 - (4b) Separate bathrooms must be available for males and females;
 - (4c) Ratios for toilet and hand sinks must align with the minimum standards for plumbing and plumbing systems published by the plumbing commission.

Except in a family day care, hand sinks must be in the same room, or an unobstructed room adjacent to the diaper changing area. A handwashing sink used after diapering and toileting may not be used for food preparation.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The sink in the boy's restroom has a partially obstructed drain and fills faster than it drains. The partial clog could lead to an overflow of the sink.

Corrections to be Made:

The clog must be removed from the drain pipe.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received on 03/26/25 that the sink had been repaired.

Anticipated Completion Date:

March 31, 2025

Date Completed:

March 26, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

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Playgrounds for all child care settings must be safe, in good repair, and free of debris, trash, and weeds. Playground equipment must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and maintained in good repair. For a center program, a fence that measures at least four feet high is required around the center's outdoor play space. For a family day care or school-age program, a fence that measures at least forty-two inches high may be required to separate the outdoor play space, if the department determines a body of water, vehicular traffic, or other hazard poses a risk of injury or death to a child.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The outdoor wooden kitchen sink was overturned and has a broken wood cap that poses a puncture/sliver risk.

Corrections to be Made:

The toy must be repaired or removed by 03/24/25.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the toy was repaired on 03/19/25.

Anticipated Completion Date:
March 26, 2025

Date Completed:
March 26, 2025

Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.

LaTanya Reyna

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

March 26, 2025

Date

The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.

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Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

March 17, 2025

Date