

Date Issued	July 01, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	APPLE BLOSSOM ACADEMY		
Provider ID	018043068		
Provider Address	1600 S Sycamore Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57110, USA		
Provider Contact	Lisa Carson		

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:**

67:42:17:26

A nap mat, blanket, or other sleep surface, other than the floor, for children over one year of age must be available for each child during nap time.

A sleep surface must be maintained in good repair.

A provider shall follow the safe sleep practices contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**, for infants under the age of one.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

An infant was observed sleeping in a bouncer.

**Corrections to be Made:**

A provider shall follow the safe sleep practices contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**, for infants under the age of one.

**Corrections Made:**

The infant was immediately moved to a firm, flat surface.

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June 27, 2025

### Compliance Plan Action #2

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:27

Before any medication is administered to a child, permission of the parent or guardian must be documented and must include the name of the child, the name of the medication, and the dates, times, and dosage of the medication.

The medication must be provided by the parent and kept in the original container, with the original label. The label for a prescription medication must contain the child's name, the amount and frequency of dosage, the expiration date, the physician or other licensed practitioner's name, and instructions for storage. The medication must be returned to the parent when no longer needed or expired.

The provider shall document, in the child's record, any medication administered to a child and shall include the dose, the name of the child, the time and date administered, and the name of the person administering the medication. The documentation must be retained for at least six months and be made available to the child's parent upon request.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At the time of the inspection, there were expired medications or no longer needed medications that were not returned to the child's parent. There were multiple medication consent forms that did not include the time of the medication to be administered.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Before any medication is administered to a child, permission of the parent or guardian must be documented and must include the name of the child, the name of the medication, and the dates, times, and dosage of the medication. Children's medication must be returned to the parent when no longer needed or expired.

**Corrections Made:**

The provider confirmed to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation that all unused medication was either sent home, discarded, or an updated medication administration form was completed with the correct information.

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July 07, 2025

**Compliance Plan Action #3**

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:42

A provider shall maintain a record for each child that includes:

- (1) The child's name and date of birth;
- (2) The parent or guardian's name and telephone number;
- (3) An emergency contact name and telephone number;
- (4) Parental permission for emergency medical treatment;
- (5) The names of individuals authorized to pick up the child;
- (6) Health information, including any allergies or special needs;
- (7) A current immunization record or, for a school-age program, the name of the child's school;
- (8) Parental permission for medication;
- (9) The child's attendance records;
- (10) The date of the child's enrollment; and

(11) The date on which the child's enrollment ends.

The provider shall annually review and update each record required under this section, and make the child's record available to the department, upon request.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

Not all children records include the required information outlined in ARSD 67:42:17:42.

**Corrections to be Made:**

All children records need to include the required information outlined in 67:42:17:42.

**Corrections Made:**

The provider sent verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation, confirming that all required documentation was updated in the child's files.

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July 07, 2025

**Compliance Plan Action #4**

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:15

A child care provider shall maintain a record for each employee that includes:

- (1) The employee's name and date of birth;
- (2) The dates on which the employee began and ended employment;
- (3) Documentation of orientation and ongoing annual training, if the employee provides direct care and supervision of children;
- (4) A statement that:
  - (a) Defines child abuse and neglect;
  - (b) Sets forth the employee's responsibility to report all incidents of child abuse or neglect in accordance with SDCL 26-8A-3 and 26-8A-8; and
  - (c) Is signed by the employee; and
- (5) The results of the background check.

All records required by this section must be reviewed and updated at least annually by the provider, made available to the department for verification of the contents, and retained by the provider for six months after the employee leaves the program.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

There was 5 employee records that did not have all the required information outlined in ARSD 67:42:17:15.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Provider employee records should include all required information outlined in ARSD 67:42:17:15.

**Corrections Made:**

The provider sent verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation, confirming that all required information was updated in the provider's files.

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**Compliance Plan Action #5**

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:43

A provider shall have:

- (1) A written emergency preparedness and response plan for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event;
- (2) A written plan for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or a lock-down, that includes accommodations for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities or medical conditions;
- (3) A written procedure for communication and reunification with parents; and
- (4) A written procedure for the continuity of operations.

A provider shall practice the evacuation, shelter-in-place, and lock down procedures, outlined in the emergency preparedness and response plan, at least twice each calendar year. The provider shall document the dates on which the procedures are practiced. A provider shall communicate the emergency preparedness and response plan to each individual at the time the individual begins employment.

Except for family day care, all child care providers shall have liability insurance. Proof of current liability insurance shall be made available to the department, upon request.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At the time of the inspection, the provider did not have a written emergency preparedness and response plan that covers all the required areas as outlined in ARSD 67:42:17:43.

**Corrections to be Made:**

A provider shall have a written emergency preparedness and response plan for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event; for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or a lock-down, that includes

accommodations for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities or medical conditions; for communication and reunification with parents; and for the continuity of operations.

**Corrections Made:**

The provider sent verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation, confirming that an updated Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan had been completed.

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**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.**

lisa carson

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

June 30, 2025

Date

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

Brooke Flemmer

Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

June 27, 2025

Date

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