

Date Issued	July 09, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	THE CHILDREN'S ARK INC.		
Provider ID	010607199		
Provider Address	112 W 16th Ave, Chamberlain, SD 57325, USA		
Provider Contact	Alyson Lynch		

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 North door to the playground was marked as an exit, and an exit for the toddler/infant room. This door does not open in the direction of egress flow. This door opens to the inside of the building. The licensed capacity for this facility is 60, and this door must open in the direction of egress flow.

Corrections to be Made:

The North door to the playground must be changed so the door opens towards the outside.

Corrections Made:

Verification was submitted to OLA on 7/8/25 showing the door has been replaced and opens with the egress flow.

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Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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All walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment must be easily cleanable, kept clean, and in good repair. Heating and cooling systems must maintain a temperature between sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit and seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit. For a child care center and school-age program, all heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually, by a certified technician.

Food preparation areas, including tables and countertops, must be made of a smooth, nonporous material, kept clean and sanitized, be free of cracks, and be in good repair. Center and school-age programs, in which more than twenty children are cared for, must provide a ventilation hood over all cooking areas. The hood must be appropriate for the type of appliance and intended use, as required in § 61:15:01:01.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The Southwest wall and ceiling in the South classroom needs to be repaired from a roof leak.

Corrections to be Made:

The walls and ceilings must be in good repair.

Corrections Made:

Verification of repairs was received on 5/27/25.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

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:
 - (a) All bathrooms must have natural or mechanical ventilation;
 - (b) Separate bathrooms must be available for males and females;
 - (c) 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 facility has eliminated a bathroom off the West classroom to use for storage, leaving three sinks and toilets to be used by children. The license capacity of the facility is currently at 60 children. If current license capacity is to be maintained, another bathroom with a sink and toilet must be provided.

Corrections to be Made:

Remove all storage items from the bathroom off the West classroom so it can be used as a bathroom.

Corrections Made:

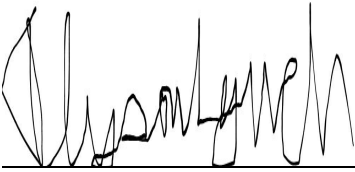
The program is unable to repair the bathroom and has removed all fixtures. The program understands that the loss of a toilet and hand sink will reduce their overall capacity to 45 children. A new certificate will be issued to reflect the new overall capacity.

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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.

Alyson Lynch
Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

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Date

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

Sarah Deakins

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

May 09, 2025

Date