

Date Issued	August 11, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL CENTER		
Provider ID	018042621		
Provider Address	412 SD-38, Hartford, SD 57033, USA		
Provider Contact	Melissa Atkins		

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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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:**

During inspection, a toilet seat in the preschool room was observed to be broken.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The provider will ensure bathroom facilities are easily accessible to children and kept in good repair.

**Corrections Made:**

The provider submitted verification that the toilet seat was repaired.

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### Compliance Plan Action #2

**Administrative Rule:**

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The following must be inaccessible to a child:

- (1) Firearms;
- (2) Pellet guns, BB guns, and cap guns;
- (3) Matches and lighters;
- (4) Tobacco products;
- (5) Choking and strangulation hazards;
- (6) Items capable of being pulled or tipped onto a child;
- (7) A platform measuring more than thirty inches above ground level, unless surrounded by a railing that is at least thirty-six inches tall with no more than five inches between openings; and
- (8) Other hazardous condition as identified by the department.

The department may direct a provider to remove or correct a hazardous condition or circumstance not covered in this chapter, if the department considers the conditions or circumstances to have the potential to cause injury or illness to the children in care.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At the time of inspection, the balcony accessible to children in the preschool room had a bench next to the handrail, creating a potential falling hazard.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The provider will ensure that the furniture that creates a potential fall hazard is removed from the balcony.

**Corrections Made:**

The provider submitted documentation showing that the hazard was removed from the balcony.

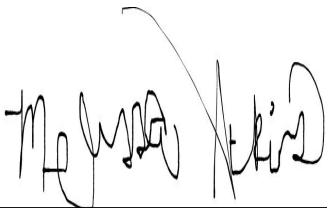
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**Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.**

Melissa Atkins

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

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

Morgan Giraldo

Printed Name of DSS Staff

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Signature of DSS Staff:

August 06, 2025

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