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Date Issued	July 25, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	LA PETITE ACADEMY 7694		
Provider ID	018043043		
Provider Address	5115 S Cliff Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, USA		
Provider Contact	Sam Ammick		

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**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 physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a child, and identify procedures to implement behavior management strategies for use with children in care. Behavior management strategies must offer limits, with positive guidance and direction, to help a child develop self-control and respect for the rights of others, be appropriate to a child's age and developmental level, and include strategies to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.

A behavior management strategy may not be delegated to an older child or peer. Separation, when used as a strategy, must be within sight or hearing of a provider.

The parent of a child may not, while working at the program, use a prohibited discipline technique to discipline the parent's child.

The following methods of discipline are prohibited:

- (1) Spanking, hitting, pinching, biting, shaking, or inflicting any other physical punishment;
- (2) Verbal abuse, shouting, threats, humiliation, or derogatory or sarcastic remarks about the child or the child's family;
- (3) Restriction of movement or confinement;
- (4) Isolating a child in an adjacent room, hallway, closet, darkened area, or any other area where a child cannot be seen or supervised;
- (5) Punishment for lapses in toilet training;
- (6) Withholding or forcing of meals, snacks, naps, or outdoor time to correct behavior;
- (7) Demanding excessive physical exercise or excessive rest; and
- (8) Placing substances in a child's mouth to cause discomfort such as soap, food, or spices.

A provider who is under investigation for abuse and neglect may not be in a caregiving role, if the department determines there is an imminent safety concern to a child in the provider's care.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

A provider was seen speaking in a loud voice and using a negative tone.

**Corrections to be Made:**

A provider shall meet the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a child, and identify procedures to implement behavior management strategies for use with children in care.

Behavior management strategies must offer limits, with positive guidance and direction, to help a child develop self-control and respect for the rights of others, be appropriate to a child's age and developmental level.

**Corrections Made:**

Sanford Children’s Child Services is providing technical assistance to support the classroom providers.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
August 08, 2025

**Date Completed:**  
August 11, 2025

**Compliance Plan Action #2**

**Administrative Rule:**

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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:**

The providers expressed uncertainty regarding the appropriate course of action in the event of an emergency.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Review the emergency preparedness and the response plan with all staff.

**Corrections Made:**

The director provided training to all providers on each component of the emergency preparedness plan. Posters outlining emergency locations have been placed near the door in each classroom, and additional drills will be conducted with providers to reinforce procedures.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
August 08, 2025

**Date Completed:**  
August 11, 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.**

Samantha Amick

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

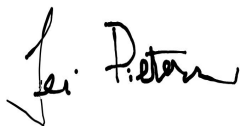
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**The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.**

Teri Pieters

Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

July 25, 2025

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