

Date Issued	September 03, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	PLAYPENS AND PUZZLES DAYCARE		
Provider ID	010605976		
Provider Address	2100 Brookstone Lp, Pierre, SD 57501, USA		
Provider Contact	Lindsay Strohfus		

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 complete pediatric first aid training every five years and maintain documentation of the training. A provider must be certified in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The certification must include a hands-on skills test.

A provider shall work under supervision until the provider has completed the training required by this section. The supervisor shall have completed their pediatric first aid training and be certified in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, three staff had expired CPR certification.

Corrections to be Made:

All staff members must keep their pediatric CPR certification current.

Corrections Made:

Verification of current CPR certification for all 3 employees has been received.

Anticipated Completion Date:
August 19, 2025

Date Completed:
August 29, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

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:

At the time of inspection, the program had two staff members missing required hours of annual training.

Corrections to be Made:

The program is required to have all staff complete 10 hours of annual training.

Corrections Made:

On 8/25/2025- Verification of 1 staff member's training hours was received.

On 8/29/2025- Verification of the second staff's annual training hours was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

August 19, 2025

Date Completed:

August 29, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:24

Before a child may be admitted to a registered or licensed day care provider, the provider must require the child's parent or guardian to submit a statement, signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or community health nurse, or an immunization record from the South Dakota Immunization Information System, showing that the child meets the minimum immunization requirements according to 45 C.F.R. § 98.41(a)(1)(i)(A), in effect on September 30, 2016.

The provider shall ensure that immunizations of all children are current.

For children who begin the series late or are more than one month behind in immunizations, the documentation must show progress toward achieving immunization requirements, as determined by a licensed physician, or other licensed practitioner. A grace period may be approved by the department for a child experiencing homelessness or a child in foster care.

A child is exempt from meeting the minimum age-specific immunization levels if:

- (1) The child's parent or guardian has certification from a licensed physician, or other licensed practitioner, stating that the physical condition of the child is such that an immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or
- (2) The child's parent or guardian has signed a written statement that the child is an adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunizations.

If a child becomes ill while at a day care, the provider must separate the child from other children and notify the child's parents. If any child in the program contracts a communicable disease, the provider must notify the Department of Health. The program provider shall follow the Department of Health's recommendations for addressing a situation involving a communicable disease.

To prevent the spread of an infestation or infectious disease, a program shall provide an individual storage unit or container for each child's personal articles.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The program had one child file that was missing current immunizations.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will ensure all child records contain a copy of the child's current immunizations.

Corrections Made:

Verification of the missing immunization record has been received.

Anticipated Completion Date:
August 19, 2025

Date Completed:
August 26, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #4

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 program did not have verification of drills conducted in 2024.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will ensure a drill log for the previous years drills is available upon inspection.

Corrections Made:

Verification of drills conducted in 2024 has been received.

Anticipated Completion Date:
September 03, 2025

Date Completed:
August 25, 2025

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 program did not have verification of current liability insurance.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will ensure a copy of their current liability insurance is available upon inspection.

Corrections Made:

Verification of current liability insurance has been received.

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August 25, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #6

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:40

A pet, while permitted in the presence of children receiving care, must be current with its vaccinations, and have clean and sanitary living areas, at all times.

A pet with a history of aggressive behavior, which poses a risk to the safety of children, must be confined and kept away from children.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The program has a dog that is present with children; however, a copy of the dog’s current vaccination records was not available.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will ensure a copy of their pets current vaccination records are available.

Corrections Made:

Verification of current vaccination records has been received.

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August 25, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #7

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:37

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 program has an inoperable exit light hanging from the ceiling by the front door.

Corrections to be Made:

The program is required to have lit operable exit signs at each exit.

Corrections Made:

Verification has been received showing the exit sign by the front door has been repaired and is lit.

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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.

Lindsay Strohfus

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

August 25, 2025

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



Signature of DSS Staff:

August 04, 2025

Date

8/4/2025, 7:00:40 PM