

Date Issued	May 01, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Journey Kids Daycare Center		
Provider ID	011102398		
Provider Address	804 S 5th St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, USA		
Provider Contact	Devin Hebeisen		

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:

67:42:17:37

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 installation of the fire alarm system has not been completed.

A commercial stove was in the kitchen. There was only a residential style hood that was to be installed.

Exit lights have not been installed over the doors, or in the halls directing the path to the exits.

Fire extinguishers were not installed.

There was no carbon monoxide detection.

Corrections to be Made:

A fire alarm system needs to be installed in the building hard wired and operable.

A commercial hood suppression system needs to be installed above the commercial cooking equipment.

The exits need exit signs that are interior or exterior illuminated or self-luminous.
Fire extinguishers must be installed according to fire code.
Ensure that the fire alarm system is properly installed to provide carbon monoxide detection.

Corrections Made:

The fire alarm system has been installed, hard wired and is operational.
The commercial cooking equipment has been removed from the daycare. A residential style hood that was installed.
Exit signs have been installed that interior illuminated at each exit and in halls directing the path to the exits.
Fire extinguishers were installed according to the fire code.
A carbon monoxide detector has been installed according to the manufacturers directions.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 01, 2025

Date Completed:
April 16, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:33

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:

Installation of toilets and sinks in all the bathrooms have not been completed.

Mechanical ventilation in the bathrooms had not finished being installed.

All bathrooms must have the mechanical ventilation installed.

Corrections to be Made:

All bathrooms must be finished to include sinks, toilets, paper towels, soap, and toilet paper.

All bathrooms must have the mechanical ventilation installed.

Corrections Made:

All bathrooms had sinks, toilets, paper towel holders, soap dispensers and toilet paper holders installed.

Mechanical ventilation was installed in all the bathrooms.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 01, 2025

Date Completed:
April 22, 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:

Individual storage spaces had not been installed.

Corrections to be Made:

The program needs to provide an individual storage unit or container must be provided for each child.

Corrections Made:

The provider installed storage cubbies for each child.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 01, 2025

Date Completed:
April 22, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:32

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:

Flooring had not been finished in several classrooms, and in the play areas. Baseboards had not been installed in most of the facility.

Corrections to be Made:

Flooring and baseboards need to be installed in all classrooms and in indoor play areas.

Corrections Made:

Flooring and baseboards have been installed in the classrooms and indoor play areas.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 01, 2025

Date Completed:
April 22, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #5

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:35

Playgrounds for all child care settings must be safe, in good repair, and free of debris, trash, and weeds. Playground equipment must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and maintained in good repair.

For a center program, a fence that measures at least four feet high is required around the center's outdoor play space.

For a family day care or school-age program, a fence that measures at least forty-two inches high may be required to separate the outdoor play space, if the department determines a body of water, vehicular traffic, or other hazard poses a risk of injury or death to a child.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The outdoor play area doesn't allow 50 square feet per child.

The outdoor play area is not enclosed with a fence at least 4 feet high.

Corrections to be Made:

The outdoor play area needs to allow 50 square feet per child.

The outdoor play area needs to be enclosed with a fence at least 4 feet high.

The program has requested additional time to complete the fence installation and has agreed to a completion date of August 31, 2025. In the interim, providers will maintain active supervision to ensure all children are properly supervised and accounted for.

Corrections Made:

The outdoor play area has been enclosed with a 5 foot high fence allowing 50 square feet per child.

Anticipated Completion Date:

August 31, 2025

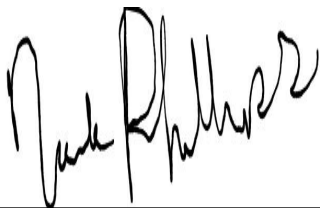
Date Completed:

September 24, 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.

Nicole Phillips

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 01, 2025

Date

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

Julie Hermansen

Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

Date

4/14/2025, 10:49:10 AM