

Date Issued	October 17, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	CHILDRENS CASTLE		
Provider ID	015507510		
Provider Address	2400 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD 57501, USA		
Provider Contact	Bethany Kirkie		

**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:**

1. At the time of the inspection, the fire alarm system was in trouble mode and not operable.
2. Items located in the upstairs storage/laundry room and the basement storage rooms were located too close to the ceiling and sprinkler heads.
3. No carbon monoxide detector was visibly identified during the inspection.

**Corrections to be Made:**

1. Fire alarm systems must be inspected annually by a qualified technician.

2. Storage items must be below 24" of the ceiling and below 18" of a sprinkler head.
3. A carbon monoxide detector is required and must be installed according to the manufacturers direction.

**Corrections Made:**

1. On 10/17/2025- Verification that the fire alarm system has be serviced and is operating has been received.
2. On 10/02/2025- Verification has been received showing that storage items located too close to the ceiling has been removed.
3. On 10/07/2025- Verification of an installed carbon monoxide detector has been received.

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**Compliance Plan Action #2**

**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:**

At the time of the inspection, the boys bathroom in the basement had a toilet that was out of order and covered with a bag.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Separate bathrooms must be available for males and females and must be clean and in good repair.

**Corrections Made:**

Verification has been received.

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**Compliance Plan Action #3**

**Administrative Rule:**

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All equipment, utensils, kitchenware, dining tables, and food contact surfaces of equipment must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized after each meal. Toys capable of being placed in a child's mouth must be cleaned and sanitized daily, using a solution approved by the department.

All providers, program employees, and children shall wash their hands with soap, before preparing food or beverages, eating, handling food, or feeding a child, and after changing a diaper, using the toilet, helping a child use a toilet, or coming into contact with bodily fluid.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At the time of the inspection, a wooden frame around the white oven in the kitchen is bare wood. The counter top by the hand sink in the kitchen has missing laminate on the edges that have exposed bare wood.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The wooden frame and missing edges on the counter top must be painted, sealed to be a cleanable surface.

**Corrections Made:**

Verification that the wood frames and edges have been painted, sealed and are cleanable has been received.

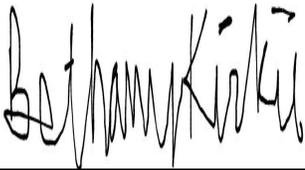
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**Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.**

Bethany Kirkie

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

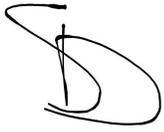
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**The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.**

Sarah Deakins

Printed Name of DSS Staff

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Signature of DSS Staff:

September 26, 2025

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Date