

Date Issued	September 29, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	LITTLE LEARNERS LLC		
Provider ID	014512609		
Provider Address	1308 W 15th Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301, USA		
Provider Contact	Kayla Lux		

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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Maximum group sizes are determined by individual room capacity and all space used must be approved for care by the department.

The provider shall ensure the number of children in care at any given time does not exceed the capacity identified on the license. Children of program employees must be included in the group size.

The provider shall ensure children to staff ratios are maintained in all settings, including large indoor and outdoor space; in spaces where more than twenty children are allowed, providers shall identify which children each provider is responsible to supervise; and when room capacity does not align with the ratio requirements, a maximum of three additional children may be included in the room capacity as long as ratios are maintained.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The maximum room capacity was not maintained for one room during the inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

The room capacities that were determined during the floor plan review must be maintained at all times, unless approval has been given to provide care for up to three additional children in the room.

Corrections Made:

The requirement was discussed with the director to assure understanding and compliance going forward.

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September 26, 2025

Date Completed:
September 23, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:26

A nap mat, blanket, or other sleep surface, other than the floor, for children over one year of age must be available for each child during nap time.

A sleep surface must be maintained in good repair.

A provider shall follow the safe sleep practices contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**, for infants under the age of one.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

An infant at the program was found to be sleeping in equipment not allowed for sleeping, and the infant was sleeping with loose blankets.

Corrections to be Made:

Infants must be placed to sleep on a firm, flat, non-inclined sleep surface and loose blankets are not allowed in the infant sleep environment.

Corrections Made:

Safe sleep requirements were discussed with the director to assure understanding and compliance going forward.

Anticipated Completion Date:
September 29, 2025

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September 23, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:29

A provider shall have a written care plan for each child who has a known food allergy. The plan must contain instructions regarding any food allergens, steps to be taken to avoid that food, and a detailed treatment plan to be implemented if the child has an allergic reaction.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

A written care plan was not available for children with known food allergies.

Corrections to be Made:

A plan that meets the requirements as detailed in the administrative rule must be completed for each child with a food allergy.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that an allergy plan is on file for all children with known food allergies.

Anticipated Completion Date:
September 30, 2025

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October 23, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:42

A provider shall maintain a record for each child that includes:

- (1) The child's name and date of birth;

- (2) The parent or guardian's name and telephone number;
- (3) An emergency contact name and telephone number;
- (4) Parental permission for emergency medical treatment;
- (5) The names of individuals authorized to pick up the child;
- (6) Health information, including any allergies or special needs;
- (7) A current immunization record or, for a school-age program, the name of the child's school;
- (8) Parental permission for medication;
- (9) The child's attendance records;
- (10) The date of the child's enrollment; and
- (11) The date on which the child's enrollment ends.

The provider shall annually review and update each record required under this section, and make the child's record available to the department, upon request.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Information was incomplete or needed to be updated for 22 child files.

Corrections to be Made:

Needed information must be obtained for the records.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the needed information was obtained.

Anticipated Completion Date:
October 07, 2025

Date Completed:
October 22, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #5

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:

Information was incomplete for 19 provider files.

Corrections to be Made:

Required information must be obtained for the files.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the needed information was obtained.

Anticipated Completion Date:
October 23, 2025

Date Completed:
October 22, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #6

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:17

All providers shall, within ninety days after the date of employment, complete and obtain documentation of orientation training in the following areas:

- (1) Prevention and control of infectious diseases;
- (2) Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and the use of safe sleep practices, if infant care is provided;
- (3) Administration of medication;
- (4) Prevention of and response to an emergency due to food allergies and other allergic reactions;
- (5) Building and physical premises safety;
- (6) Prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma, if infant care is provided;
- (7) Emergency preparedness and response planning for an emergency resulting from a natural disaster or man-caused event;
- (8) Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of biological contaminants;
- (9) Precautions in transporting a child, if the program provides transportation;
- (10) Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect;
- (11) Pediatric first aid;
- (12) Pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- (13) Child development.

Before a provider may care for children without supervision, the provider must complete orientation training in each of the areas listed in this section.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Verification of orientation training was not on file for four providers. Orientation training must be completed within 90 days of hire and before unsupervised contact with children.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of orientation training must be obtained.

Corrections Made:

Verification of completed orientation training was received.

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October 22, 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.

Kayla Lux

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

September 29, 2025

Date

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

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Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

September 26, 2025

Date

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