

Date Issued	October 17, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	STEPPING STONES		
Provider ID	019522405		
Provider Address	1501 Locust St, Yankton, SD 57078, USA		
Provider Contact	Hollie Pearson		

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:

The fire alarm system had not been inspected within the past year; an inspection was already scheduled for 10/22/25.

Corrections to be Made:

The fire alarm system must be inspected/serviced annually by a qualified service technician.

Corrections Made:

Verification of the completed inspection was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

Date Completed:

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:

The hot water temperature in two bathrooms was measured above 120 degrees F.

Corrections to be Made:

The hot water temperature must be maintained at 120 degrees F or cooler.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the temperature was lowered so that it is maintained at 120 degrees F or cooler.

Anticipated Completion Date:

October 29, 2025

Date Completed:

October 22, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3**Administrative Rule:**

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All toxic or hazardous substances must be:

- (1) Inaccessible to children;
- (2) Used according to manufacturer's instructions;
- (3) Stored in the original or other labeled container; and
- (4) Disposed of according to manufacturer recommendations.

Bio-contaminants must be handled and disposed of properly.

Soiled diapers must be changed promptly, in a designated area, on a non-porous surface. The diaper changing area must be clean and disinfected with a sanitizing solution approved by the department. Soiled diapers must be kept in a leakproof, nonabsorbent container that is covered with a tight-fitting lid.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Cleaning supplies were accessible to children in the preschool building.

Corrections to be Made:

Toxic or hazardous substances must be inaccessible to children.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the cleaning supplies were removed.

Anticipated Completion Date:

October 17, 2025

Date Completed:

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.

Hollie Pearson

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact

Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

October 17, 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



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Signature of DSS Staff:

October 16, 2025

Date