

Date Issued	September 08, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Next Step Inc.		
Provider ID	1063068912		
Provider Address	805 10th St, Eureka, SD 57437, USA		
Provider Contact	Kelly Fargher		

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 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:

One staff person is missing the in state background check.

Two staff were missing the awareness to report abuse and neglect signed statement.

Corrections to be Made:

The staff person needs the in state background eligibility.

Two staff need to read and sign the abuse and neglect statement.

Corrections Made:

The staff person submitted documentation for the in state background check eligibility.
Two staff now have signed the abuse and neglect statements on file.

Anticipated Completion Date:
September 17, 2025

Date Completed:
October 24, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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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:

Three staff were left unsupervised before completing Level I orientation classes.

Corrections to be Made:

The three staff need to be supervised until they complete the Level I orientation classes.

Corrections Made:

The staff needing to complete the orientation have completed the required orientation classes.

Anticipated Completion Date:
September 17, 2025

Date Completed:
September 25, 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.

Kelly Fargher

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

September 08, 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



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Signature of DSS Staff:

September 04, 2025

Date