

Date Issued	November 19, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	CHALLENGING MINDS		
Provider ID	016598599		
Provider Address	8084 Stagestop Rd, Summerset, SD 57718, USA		
Provider Contact	Stacey Phillips		

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 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 hand sink in the infant room was filled with used baby bottles.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will need to remove used baby bottles and find a different location to place when finished with bottle. Program will need to send verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program added a bucket in the infant room to address the dirty bottles and will leave the sink only for hand washing. Bottles will be washed and sanitized in the kitchen only.

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Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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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:

Heating and cooling system was not annually inspected.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will need to have the heating and cooling system inspected by a certified technician and submit documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program had the heating and cooling system inspected by a certified technician and submitted documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

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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 wood post next to the slide has a wood shard hanging off of it and needs to be replaced.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will need to replace the wood post next to the slide and send verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program repaired the wood post on the playground and all sharp pieces have been removed.

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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.

Stacey Phillips

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact

Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

November 19, 2025

Date

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

Andrea Neff

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

October 30, 2025

Date