

Date Issued	October 15, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	KAREN 4 KIDS		
Provider ID	018042674		
Provider Address	216 Capital St, Yankton, SD 57078, USA		
Provider Contact	Shayla Hjelm		

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:

Verification of a fire alarm system inspection completed within the last year was not available.

Corrections to be Made:

Fire alarm systems must be inspected/serviced annually by a qualified service technician.

Corrections Made:

Verification of an 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:

Two bathrooms do not have mechanical or natural ventilation.

Corrections to be Made:

Ventilation must be provided in both bathrooms.

Corrections Made:

It was verified that mechanical ventilation was installed in both bathrooms.

Anticipated Completion Date:

October 25, 2025

Date Completed:

October 23, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3**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:

An inspection of the heating and cooling systems completed within the past year was not available.

Corrections to be Made:

The heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually by a certified technician.

Corrections Made:

Verification of completed inspections was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

October 25, 2025

Date Completed:

November 19, 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.

Shayla Hjelm

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

September 27, 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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