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Provider Name DISCOVERY LEARNING CENTER

Provider ID 018042494

Provider Address 3314 S Valley View Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, USA

Provider Contact Mele Mafi

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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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:

The program did not have documentation of the heating and cooling systems inspected annually by a certified technician.

Corrections to be Made:

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

Corrections Made:

The program's heating and cooling systems were inspected by a certified technician and the program is aware that documentation of these inspections need to be retained annually.

Anticipated Completion Date:

November 21, 2025

Date Completed:

November 11, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

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:

Exit signs in the lower level did not illuminate when tested.

Corrections to be Made:

Exit signs must be interior or exterior illuminated or self-luminous.

Corrections Made:

Exit signs in the lower level were repaired to ensure illumination when tested.

Anticipated Completion Date:
November 21, 2025

Date Completed:
December 08, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:35

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 outside gate and the jungle gym net was not in good condition.

Corrections to be Made:

Playgrounds for all child care settings must be safe and in good repair.

Corrections Made:

The outside gate and the jungle gym net were repaired to be safe and in good condition.

Anticipated Completion Date:

November 21, 2025

Date Completed:

November 10, 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.

Mele Mafi

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

November 10, 2025

Date

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

Brooke Flemmer

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

November 05, 2025

Date