

Date Issued	January 13, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	<u>Pulse of Life Kids Care</u>		
Provider ID	<u>018043136</u>		
Provider Address	<u>1330 E Main St, Vermillion, SD 57069, USA</u>		
Provider Contact	<u>Angela Jackson</u>		

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:

67:42:17:43

A provider shall have:

- (1) A written emergency preparedness and response plan for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event;
- (2) A written plan for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or a lock-down, that includes accommodations for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities or medical conditions;
- (3) A written procedure for communication and reunification with parents; and
- (4) A written procedure for the continuity of operations.

A provider shall practice the evacuation, shelter-in-place, and lock down procedures, outlined in the emergency preparedness and response plan, at least twice each calendar year. The provider shall document the dates on which the procedures are practiced. A provider shall communicate the emergency preparedness and response plan to each individual at the time the individual begins employment.

Except for family day care, all child care providers shall have liability insurance. Proof of current liability insurance shall be made available to the department, upon request.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, documentation of one lock down drill from the beginning of 2024 is needed.

Corrections to be Made:

Date of completed lock down drill to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Documentation of drill date received on 12-28-2025.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

December 28, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:29

A provider shall have a written care plan for each child who has a known food allergy. The plan must contain instructions regarding any food allergens, steps to be taken to avoid that food, and a detailed treatment plan to be implemented if the child has an allergic reaction.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, one child did not have a written care plan for a known food allergy.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of written plan to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

A copy of the written plan was received on 12-28-2025.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

December 28, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:13

All child care providers, program employees age fourteen and older, and family day care household members age eighteen and older, shall meet federal background check requirements. An individual may not provide care, or work in a child care setting, if the individual's background check reveals:

- (1) A crime that indicates harmful behavior towards children;
- (2) A crime of violence, as defined in SDCL 22-1-2, or in a similar statute from another state;
- (3) A sex crime pursuant to SDCL chapters 22-22 or 22-24A, SDCL 22-22A-3, or similar statutes from another state;
- (4) A felony conviction for domestic abuse, physical assault, battery, kidnapping, or arson;
- (5) Any other felony conviction, within the preceding five years; or
- (6) A substantiated report of child abuse or neglect.

A family day care provider may not provide care in the provider's home, if any household member's background check reveals any item listed in this section.

A background check is required at least once every five years.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, five staff did not have cleared background checks from states outside of South Dakota.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of cleared out of state background checks to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

On 01/07/26 Out of State background clearances were observed for two of the staff.

One staff has resigned from the program.

On 01/08/26 Documentation of cleared background checks was received for the remaining two staff members.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

January 08, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:17

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:

At the time of the inspection, five staff did not have documentation of completed Level I orientation training in their file.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of completed orientation training to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Documentation of all completed Level I training received by 01-12-2026.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

January 12, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #5

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:15

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:

At the time of the inspection, two staff did not have a signed Child Abuse/Neglect reporting statement in their file.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of signed statements to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

On 01-08-2026 the Office of Licensing and Accreditation was notified that one of the staff is no longer employed at the center.

On 01-09-2026 the signed statement from the remaining employee was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 13, 2026

Date Completed:

January 09, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #6

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:46

A provider shall complete pediatric first aid training every five years and maintain documentation of the training. A provider must be certified in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The certification must include a hands-on skills test.

A provider shall work under supervision until the provider has completed the training required by this section. The supervisor shall have completed their pediatric first aid training and be certified in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, eight staff did not have documentation of current pediatric CPR.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of current CPR to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

All documentation of current CPR certification was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

January 12, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #7

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:18

All providers must obtain annual training in the topic areas identified in 45 C.F.R. § 98.41, in effect on September 30, 2016, or as identified by the department. Training must be documented and relevant to the provider’s position as determined by the department. Training may include on-site or online classes. Pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation renewal may not be included in annual training.

Each director and provider of center and school-age programs counted in staff-child ratios shall complete ten hours of annual training.

Each provider of family day care counted in staff-child ratios shall complete six hours of annual training.

Orientation training hours qualify as annual training hours for each provider in the year the training was completed.

Every five years, all providers shall complete additional, advanced training in each of the training areas listed in § 67:42:17:17.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, two staff did not have documentation of the required ten hours of annual training.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of completed training hours to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Documentation of training hours was received by 01-12-2026.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

January 12, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #8

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:42

A provider shall maintain a record for each child that includes:

- (1) The child's name and date of birth;
- (2) The parent or guardian's name and telephone number;
- (3) An emergency contact name and telephone number;
- (4) Parental permission for emergency medical treatment;
- (5) The names of individuals authorized to pick up the child;
- (6) Health information, including any allergies or special needs;
- (7) A current immunization record or, for a school-age program, the name of the child's school;
- (8) Parental permission for medication;
- (9) The child's attendance records;
- (10) The date of the child's enrollment; and
- (11) The date on which the child's enrollment ends.

The provider shall annually review and update each record required under this section, and make the child's record available to the department, upon request.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, sixteen children did not have an emergency contact name and telephone number listed in their file.

Two children did not have parental permission for emergency medical care.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of updated records to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Documentation of parental permission for emergency medical care was received on 12-28-2025. One of the children noted no longer attends the program.

Documentation of emergency contact name and numbers received on 01-05-2026.

Anticipated Completion Date:
January 05, 2026

Date Completed:
January 05, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #9

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:24

Before a child may be admitted to a registered or licensed day care provider, the provider must require the child's parent or guardian to submit a statement, signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or community health nurse, or an immunization record from the South Dakota Immunization Information System, showing that the child meets the minimum immunization requirements according to 45 C.F.R. § 98.41(a)(1)(i)(A), in effect on September 30, 2016.

The provider shall ensure that immunizations of all children are current.

For children who begin the series late or are more than one month behind in immunizations, the documentation must show progress toward achieving immunization requirements, as determined by a licensed physician, or other licensed practitioner. A grace period may be approved by the department for a child experiencing homelessness or a child in foster care.

A child is exempt from meeting the minimum age-specific immunization levels if:

- (1) The child's parent or guardian has certification from a licensed physician, or other licensed practitioner, stating that the physical condition of the child is such that an immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or
- (2) The child's parent or guardian has signed a written statement that the child is an adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunizations.

If a child becomes ill while at a day care, the provider must separate the child from other children and notify the child's parents. If any child in the program contracts a communicable disease, the provider must notify the Department of Health. The program provider shall follow the Department of Health's recommendations for addressing a situation involving a communicable disease.

To prevent the spread of an infestation or infectious disease, a program shall provide an individual storage unit or container for each child's personal articles.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, ten children need current immunization records on file.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of current immunizations to be obtained by the program and copies provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Documentation of current immunization records was provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation on 12-28-2025.

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January 05, 2026

Date Completed:

December 28, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #10

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:22

A program that serves twenty or fewer children, and routinely operates a mixed age group, shall meet a ratio of ten children to one staff. Each provider may care for a maximum of four children under the age of two, with no more than two children under the age of one.

A center program that serves more than twenty children in a mixed age group, must:

- (1) Maintain a ratio of five children to one staff, if the group includes three or more children under the age of three; and
- (2) In all other circumstances, maintain the children to staff ratio that is based on the age range of the majority of children in the group.

Children of program employees must be included in determining the children to staff ratio.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, the facility was out of ratio in one classroom. Six children were present in the classroom, including four children who were two years of age and two children who were four and five years of age, with only one provider present. Due to the mixed-age grouping, two providers were required to meet staff-to-child ratio requirements.

Corrections to be Made:

The program is to ensure that appropriate staff to child ratios are maintained at all times.

Corrections Made:

The ratio was corrected when the director returned to the program and children were moved into different classrooms to maintain ratio.

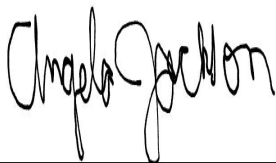
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December 15, 2025

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December 15, 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.

Angela Kae Jackson

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

December 10, 2025

Date

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

Rita Trager

Printed Name of DSS Staff

Tina Jager

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Signature of DSS Staff:

December 08, 2025

Date
