

Date Issued	February 06, 2026	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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For family day care providers, unused electrical outlets must have an outlet plug cover, have a tamper-resistant cover, or be made inaccessible to a child.

For center and school-age programs, unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The electrical outlets in the OST classroom and multi-purpose room were not self closing, or tamper resistant.

Corrections to be Made:

The electrical outlets in the OST classroom and the multi-purpose room need to be self-closing, or tamper resistant. The program has ordered self-closing electrical outlet covers and requested more time to install them.

Corrections Made:

Self-closing electrical outlet covers were installed in the OST classroom and the multi-purpose room.

Anticipated Completion Date:
November 21, 2025

Date Completed:
November 12, 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:

A carbon monoxide detector has not been installed in the school.
The South exit in the main floor hall from the multi-purpose room was not marked with an illuminated exit sign.

Corrections to be Made:

A carbon monoxide detector must be installed according to the manufacturers recommendations.
The South exit in the main floor hall from the multi-purpose room exit path needs to be marked with an illuminated exit sign. The program requested more time to installed the exit sign in the exit path to the south exit.

Corrections Made:

Two carbon monoxide detectors were installed at the facility.
An illuminated exit sign was installed on the South exit in the main floor hall from the multi-purpose room.

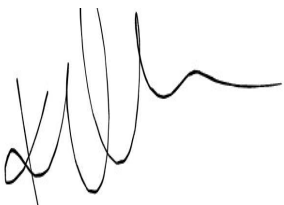
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Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.

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
