

Date Issued	February 13, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	HIXON, TARA		
Provider ID	011102372		
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Provider Contact	TARA HIXON		

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 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:

Three

child records were missing, or had incomplete, immunization records.

Corrections to be Made:

Provide updated immunization records for the three child records missing them.

Corrections Made:

Current immunization records were provided for the three child records missing them.

Anticipated Completion Date:
October 01, 2025

Date Completed:
September 25, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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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:

The emergency preparedness and response plan was just the template, no information had been filled in.

There was no documentation of completed fire, lockdown, and shelter in place drills completed in the last year.

Corrections to be Made:

Complete the emergency preparedness and response plan for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event.

Provider documentation of the required 2 evacuation drills, 2 shelter in place drills and 2 lockdown drills.

Corrections Made:

Documentation was provided for the required evacuation, shelter in place and lockdown drills for 2024.

The Provider completed the emergency preparedness and response plan for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man caused event.

Anticipated Completion Date:

October 01, 2025

Date Completed:

September 24, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #3

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 hot water temperature in the bathroom where children wash their hands was 133.7 degrees.

Corrections to be Made:

The hot water temperature in the bathroom where children wash their hands needs to be 120 degrees or lower.

Corrections Made:

The Provider attached an antiscald guard on the bathroom sink where the daycare children wash their hands, which regulates the hot water temperature at 120 degrees or lower.

Anticipated Completion Date:
February 13, 2026

Date Completed:
September 11, 2025

Compliance Plan Action #4

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:

There was animal waster in the children's outdoor play area.

Corrections to be Made:

Animal waste needs to be cleaned up from the children's

outdoor play area.

Corrections Made:

The Provider removed the animal waste from the outdoor play area.

Anticipated Completion Date:
September 24, 2025

Date Completed:
September 24, 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.

Tara hixon

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

September 23, 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