

Date Issued	March 05, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	RURAL AMERICA INITIATIVES		
Provider ID	010601775		
Provider Address	2112 S Valley Dr, Rapid City, SD 57703, USA		
Provider Contact	Anne Reddy		

**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 meet the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a child, and identify procedures to implement behavior management strategies for use with children in care. Behavior management strategies must offer limits, with positive guidance and direction, to help a child develop self-control and respect for the rights of others, be appropriate to a child's age and developmental level, and include strategies to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.

A behavior management strategy may not be delegated to an older child or peer. Separation, when used as a strategy, must be within sight or hearing of a provider.

The parent of a child may not, while working at the program, use a prohibited discipline technique to discipline the parent's child.

The following methods of discipline are prohibited:

- (1) Spanking, hitting, pinching, biting, shaking, or inflicting any other physical punishment;
- (2) Verbal abuse, shouting, threats, humiliation, or derogatory or sarcastic remarks about the child or the child's family;
- (3) Restriction of movement or confinement;
- (4) Isolating a child in an adjacent room, hallway, closet, darkened area, or any other area where a child cannot be seen or supervised;
- (5) Punishment for lapses in toilet training;
- (6) Withholding or forcing of meals, snacks, naps, or outdoor time to correct behavior;
- (7) Demanding excessive physical exercise or excessive rest; and
- (8) Placing substances in a child's mouth to cause discomfort such as soap, food, or spices.

A provider who is under investigation for abuse and neglect may not be in a caregiving role, if the department determines there is an imminent safety concern to a child in the provider's care.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

During a recent complaint investigation conducted by the Office of Licensing & Accreditation, it was determined that a provider's handling of a child did not follow licensing guidelines.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Program will ensure that all providers are following proper behavior management strategies when handling children.

**Corrections Made:**

The program immediately terminated the provider involved upon becoming aware of the incident. Staff have been provided with guidance to ensure a clear understanding of appropriate behavior management strategies.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**

March 05, 2026

**Date Completed:**

February 26, 2026

**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.**

Anne Reddy

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

March 05, 2026

Date

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

Andrea Neff

Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

February 27, 2026

Date

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