

Date Issued	February 13, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	KEZHAL AWARE		
Provider ID	018025389		
Provider Address	2917 E 12th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103, USA		
Provider Contact	KEZHAL AWARE		

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:

67:42:17:18

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, there was no documentation of training hours available for the provider or the assistant.

Corrections to be Made:

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

Corrections Made:

Documentation of training records were observed on 03-23-2026

Anticipated Completion Date:

March 13, 2026

Date Completed:

March 23, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

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, the provider did not have documentation of current pediatric CPR certification.

Corrections to be Made:

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

Corrections Made:

Documentation received on 04-07-2026.

Anticipated Completion Date:

March 13, 2026

Date Completed:

April 06, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3

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, the provider did not have documentation of completed fire, shelter-in-place or lock down

drills completed in the last year.

Corrections to be Made:

Documentation of completed drills to be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Dates of drills were observed on 03-23-2026.

Anticipated Completion Date:

March 13, 2026

Date Completed:

March 23, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:25

All equipment, utensils, kitchenware, dining tables, and food contact surfaces of equipment must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized after each meal. Toys capable of being placed in a child's mouth must be cleaned and sanitized daily, using a solution approved by the department.

All providers, program employees, and children shall wash their hands with soap, before preparing food or beverages, eating, handling food, or feeding a child, and after changing a diaper, using the toilet, helping a child use a toilet, or coming into contact with bodily fluid.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, the provider was not using a solution approved by the department to sanitize mouthable toys.

Corrections to be Made:

An approved sanitizing solution to be used on the mouthable toys.

Corrections Made:

The provider was educated on the appropriate sanitizing solution to be used on the mouthable toys. The provider has agreed to use the appropriate solution beginning immediately and moving forward.

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Compliance Plan Action #5

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, one child needs current shot records in their file.

Corrections to be Made:

Current shot records to be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

A current shot record was observed on 03-23-2026.

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Compliance Plan Action #6

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, one child did not have a complete file record-including an emergency contact, permission for emergency medical care and information regarding allergies or special needs.

Corrections to be Made:

Updated file information to be obtained and a copy provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Shot records observed on 03-23-2026.

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Compliance Plan Action #7

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:37

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:

At the time of the inspection there was no 2A fire extinguisher available in the food prep area.

Corrections to be Made:

A 2A rated fire extinguisher to be available in the food prep area. Documentation to be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

A 2A fire extinguisher observed in the home on 03-23-2026.

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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.

Kezhal Aware

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



2/13/2026, 9:37:36 AM

Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

February 13, 2026

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



2/13/2026, 9:39:14 AM

Signature of DSS Staff:

February 13, 2026

Date