

Date Issued	April 28, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	COMPASSION CHILD CARE		
Provider ID	018042588		
Provider Address	1921 E 8th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103, USA		
Provider Contact	Maci Howard		

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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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:

During the inspection, it was observed that an exit corridor near the office area had a reduced passage width of 34 inches due to the placement of child storage shelves.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure the exit corridor is unobstructed.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received confirming that the obstruction in the exit corridor has been removed.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 18, 2026

Date Completed:
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Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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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:

During the inspection, an employee was observed not washing their hands after completing a diaper change in the mobile infant room. At the time of inspection, plants were observed in the bathroom handwashing sink in the mobile infant room. During the inspection, evidence was observed that bottles are being washed in the bathroom handwashing sinks in both the infant and mobile infant rooms.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will submit verification that all employees are knowledgeable on the requirement to wash their hands immediately after diapering.

The provider will ensure that bottles are washed in a designated sink separate from bathroom handwashing sinks in both the infant and mobile infant rooms.

The provider will ensure that all handwashing sinks are maintained free of debris, items, and any obstructions at all times.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received confirming that employees are knowledgeable of handwashing protocols, and documentation of the program's diapering and sanitation policy was submitted.

Verification was received confirming that bottle washing occurs in a sink separate from bathroom handwashing sinks.

Verification was received confirming that handwashing sinks are free of obstructions.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

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:

At the time of inspection, a missing bolt was observed on a handrail near the slide in the main playground area, and a loose board was observed on a wooden table in the grass playground area.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that all play equipment is maintained in good repair.

Corrections Made:

Received verification of compliance.

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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.

Toni Hettich

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

April 27, 2026

Date

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

Morgan Giraldo

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

April 27, 2026

Date