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| Date Issued      | April 30, 2026                               | Status | Closed |
| Provider Name    | HOPE C.A.R.E DAY CARE #2                     |        |        |
| Provider ID      | 018042468                                    |        |        |
| Provider Address | 1700 S Cliff Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, USA |        |        |
| Provider Contact | Brandi McCuen                                |        |        |

**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:**

At the time of the inspection, it could not be verified whether the program had a carbon monoxide detector.

The exit to the two-year-old classroom is restricted to under 36" by play equipment.

The preschool room downstairs, next to the kitchen exit, was restricted by toys and a "hopscotch" rug folded over in the path of egress.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The program will provide the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation and a photo of the installed

carbon monoxide detector.

The program will provide the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation showing that the exit to the two-year-old classroom has been cleared to 36 inches or more.

The program will provide the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation showing that the exit is not obstructed by toys and that the "hopscotch" rug is placed correctly for a clear path of egress.

#### **Corrections Made:**

The program showed the licensing specialist the installed carbon monoxide detector.

The program provided the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation showing that the exit to the two-year-old classroom has been cleared.

The program provided the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation showing that the exit has a clear path of egress.

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### **Compliance Plan Action #2**

#### **Administrative Rule:**

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The following must be inaccessible to a child:

- (1) Firearms;
- (2) Pellet guns, BB guns, and cap guns;
- (3) Matches and lighters;
- (4) Tobacco products;
- (5) Choking and strangulation hazards;
- (6) Items capable of being pulled or tipped onto a child;
- (7) A platform measuring more than thirty inches above ground level, unless surrounded by a railing that is at least thirty-six inches tall with no more than five inches between openings; and
- (8) Other hazardous condition as identified by the department.

The department may direct a provider to remove or correct a hazardous condition or circumstance not covered in this chapter, if the department considers the conditions or circumstances to have the potential to cause injury or illness to the children in care.

#### **Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

The stairwell leading down from the morning pre-K room has 10-inch gaps in the railings.

#### **Corrections to be Made:**

The program will provide documentation showing the railing has gaps of 5 inches or less to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

#### **Corrections Made:**

During an on-site visit, the program presented the fixed railing to the Licensing Specialist.

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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:**

Planters and other playground equipment are positioned against the fence in the outdoor play area, creating a potential climbing hazard and increasing the risk of a child accessing or going over the fence.

#### **Corrections to be Made:**

The program will provide the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with photos showing that planters and playground equipment have been repositioned away from the fence.

#### **Corrections Made:**

During an on-site visit, the Licensing Specialist observed that the planters and playground equipment have been repositioned away from the fence.

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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.**

Brandi McCuen

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

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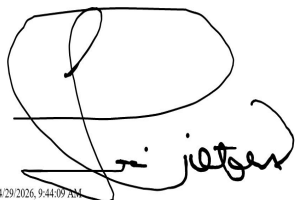
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**The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.**

Teri Pieters

Printed Name of DSS Staff

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Signature of DSS Staff:

April 29, 2026

Date

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