

Date Issued	February 24, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Children First		
Provider ID	016598451		
Provider Address	236 W Jackson Blvd, Spearfish, SD 57783, USA		
Provider Contact	Nicole Martz		

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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The program administrator is the director or individual responsible for planning and implementing the program in a licensed child care or school-age program and must be at least eighteen years of age and:

- (1) Have a bachelor's degree in a field of education or human development;
- (2) Have a two-year degree in early childhood education;
- (3) Have a Child Development Associate credential or comparable credential, as determined by the department;
- (4) Hold certification in a child learning philosophy and have at least one year of experience in a child care setting;
- (5) Have a child development technician diploma; or
- (6) Have four years of experience in a center or school-age program.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The current program director does not meet the required education or experience qualifications for a program administrator.

Corrections to be Made:

The program director will complete the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and provide verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation. If the program director does not meet the qualification requirements by the agreed-upon date, the program will identify or hire another individual who meets the program administrator qualifications.

Corrections Made:

The program director completed her Child Development Associate credential and provided verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Anticipated Completion Date:
July 03, 2026

Date Completed:
April 29, 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.

Nicole McCourt

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

February 24, 2026

Date

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

Tina Uecker

Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

February 03, 2026

Date

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