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Provider Name APPLE TREE WEST

Provider ID 018043200

Provider Address 6400 W 43rd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, USA

Provider Contact Amy Hauff

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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For family day care providers, unused electrical outlets must have an outlet plug cover, have a tamper-resistant cover, or be made inaccessible to a child.

For center and school-age programs, unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

GFI outlets by all children hand washing sinks in classrooms are not tamper resistant. Two outlets on west side of gymnasium have faulty tamper resistant outlets.

Corrections to be Made:

Unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

Corrections Made:

All outlets accessible to children were fixed to be tamper resistant.

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Compliance Plan Action #2

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:

Downstairs area sprinkler head did not have 18" of space and the utility room had less than 18" of room to operate the sprinkler due to toy storage.

Corrections to be Made:

Combustible materials must be stored at least 2 feet below the ceiling or at least 18 inches below sprinkler head deflectors in storage rooms.

Corrections Made:

The downstairs sprinkler head was immediately corrected to maintain 18 inches of clearance. Storage in the utility room was rearranged to ensure there was at least 18 inches of clearance from the ceiling.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

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A provider shall meet the following requirements regarding bathrooms:

- (1) Bathroom facilities must be easily accessible by children and providers;
- (2) Hot water for faucets normally used by children in care may not exceed one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit;
- (3) Toilets and hand sinks must be kept clean and in good repair; and
- (4) For child care centers and school-age programs:
 - (a) All bathrooms must have natural or mechanical ventilation;
 - (b) Separate bathrooms must be available for males and females;
 - (c) Ratios for toilet and hand sinks must align with the minimum standards for plumbing and plumbing systems published by the plumbing commission.

Except in a family day care, hand sinks must be in the same room, or an unobstructed room adjacent to the diaper changing area. A handwashing sink used after diapering and toileting may not be used for food preparation.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Both hand sinks in the infant room had dawn dish soap and signs of dish cleaning.

Corrections to be Made:

A handwashing sink used after diapering and toileting may not be used for food preparation.

Corrections Made:

Program administration removed the dawn dish soap from the hand sink and reminded all providers that hand washing sinks can not be used to clean dishes.

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Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

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All walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment must be easily cleanable, kept clean, and in good repair. Heating and cooling systems must maintain a temperature between sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit and seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit. For a child care center and school-age program, all heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually, by a certified technician.

Food preparation areas, including tables and countertops, must be made of a smooth, nonporous material, kept clean and sanitized, be free of cracks, and be in good repair. Center and school-age programs, in which more than twenty children are cared for, must provide a ventilation hood over all cooking areas. The hood must be appropriate for the type of appliance and intended use, as required in § 61:15:01:01.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At the time of the inspection, there was no documentation to show the annual HVAC inspection conducted in the previous year.

Corrections to be Made:

All heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually, by a certified technician.

Corrections Made:

Program administration sent OLA (Office of Licensing and Accreditation) documentation to show the annual HVAC inspection was conducted.

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Compliance Plan Action #5

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:

A clip is missing from the chain link fence on the southeast corner of the playground. The smaller wood playground equipment on the south side of the establishment is showing weathering damage and repair is needed. The climbing rock has a net with a hole. Swings on the smaller wood playground equipment are in need of repair.

Corrections to be Made:

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.

Corrections Made:

The clip was replaced on the chain link fence on the southeast corner of the playground. The smaller wood playground equipment on the south side of the establishment was replaced. The climbing rock net was replaced. The swing on the smaller wood playground was replaced and is in good condition.

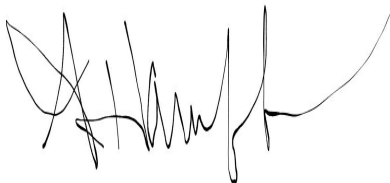
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Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.

Amy Hauff

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

April 30, 2026

Date

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

Brooke Flemmer

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

April 29, 2026

Date
