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Provider Name THE LEARNING BRIDGE

Provider ID 018038631

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Provider Contact Julie Jaeger

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:

An exit hallway was blocked with toys and cases of water during the inspection. Exits corridors must be maintained to have an unobstructed width of at least 36".

Corrections to be Made:

Items must be removed and exit hallways remain unobstructed.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the items were removed from the hallway.

Anticipated Completion Date:
April 06, 2026

Date Completed:
April 06, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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All toxic or hazardous substances must be:

- (1) Inaccessible to children;
- (2) Used according to manufacturer's instructions;
- (3) Stored in the original or other labeled container; and
- (4) Disposed of according to manufacturer recommendations.

Bio-contaminants must be handled and disposed of properly.

Soiled diapers must be changed promptly, in a designated area, on a non-porous surface. The diaper changing area must be clean and disinfected with a sanitizing solution approved by the department. Soiled diapers must be kept in a leakproof, nonabsorbent container that is covered with a tight-fitting lid.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The container for soiled diapers does not have a tight fitting lid.

Corrections to be Made:

A container with a tight fitting lid for soiled diapers must be obtained.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that a container with a lid was obtained for soiled diapers.

Anticipated Completion Date:
April 13, 2026

Date Completed:
April 30, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:35

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:

The top step on a piece of wooden playground equipment was loose. Portions of the fence were missing clamps to secure the fence to the vertical bars. A small trampoline was located next to the fence, which created a step/lowered the height to access the top of the fence.

Corrections to be Made:

The step is to be repaired. Missing clamps are to be replaced to secure the fence. The trampoline is to be moved away from the fence.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that all outdoor play issues were corrected.

Anticipated Completion Date:

April 13, 2026

Date Completed:

April 30, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:26

A nap mat, blanket, or other sleep surface, other than the floor, for children over one year of age must be available for each child during nap time.

A sleep surface must be maintained in good repair.

A provider shall follow the safe sleep practices contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**, for infants under the age of one.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

A 9 month old infant was observed to be swaddled and sleeping in a pack and play with a "boppy" pillow during the inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

Soft objects, such as pillows, must be kept away from the infant's sleep area to reduce the risk of SIDS, suffocation, entrapment/wedging, and strangulation.

When an infant exhibits signs of attempting to roll (which usually occurs at 3–4 months but may occur earlier), swaddling is no longer appropriate/should not be used because it could increase the risk of suffocation if the swaddled infant rolls to the prone position. This information was reviewed with the program on 3/31/26.

Corrections Made:

The pillow was immediately removed from the infant sleep environment when the director was notified of the concern during the inspection. Swaddling was discontinued and a sleep sack is being used with the infant.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 04, 2026

Date Completed:

March 30, 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.

Julie Jaeger

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

April 01, 2026

Date

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

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Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

March 31, 2026

Date