

Date Issued	May 14, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	EMBE - DOWNTOWN CHILDCARE		
Provider ID	018026760		
Provider Address	300 W 11th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, USA		
Provider Contact	Makenna Ewoldt		

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:

At the time of inspection, not all electrical outlets had a tamper-resistant cover.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that a tamper-resistant cover is placed on all electrical outlets.

Corrections Made:

Verification of compliance was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 18, 2026

Date Completed:

May 05, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:44

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:

During the inspection, diaper changing pads in the Blossoms and Explorers rooms were observed to be worn and cracking.

At the time of inspection, bleach bottles in the Babes and Scholars Rooms were not prepared or available for use, Babes room staff were using single-use Clorox QA wipes to clean the diaper changing station; and the Scholars Room had two unmarked and empty spray bottles that were observed near the sink area.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that all diaper changing pads are maintained in good repair and remain smooth, nonporous, and free of cracks or damage.

The provider will ensure that approved sanitizing solutions remain prepared, properly labeled, and available for use.

Corrections Made:

The provider in the Babes and Scholars' rooms corrected this on-site by preparing the bleach bottles immediately.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 18, 2026

Date Completed:

April 27, 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:

At the time of inspection, clips along a section of the fence were observed to be missing, resulting in a large gap when the fence was pushed upon.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure the fence is secure and maintained in good repair.

Corrections Made:

Received verification of compliance.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 18, 2026

Date Completed:

May 05, 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.

Caitlin Rothschadl

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 14, 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 28, 2026

Date