

Date Issued	May 01, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Little Life Learners		
Provider ID	571165155		
Provider Address	501 N Elmwood Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, USA		
Provider Contact	Maci Howard		

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:

67:42:17:39

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:

During inspection, it was observed that the electrical outlets in the hallway and near the kitchen area did not have tamper-resistant covers.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that all electrical outlets have tamper-resistant covers.

Corrections Made:

Verification of compliance was submitted.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 21, 2026

Date Completed:

May 12, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:37

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, no carbon monoxide detector was installed.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure a carbon monoxide detector is installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Corrections Made:

Verification of compliance was submitted.

Anticipated Completion Date:

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Date Completed:

May 12, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:33

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:

During the inspection, the water temperature at the bathroom sink was measured at 138°F.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that hot water at the bathroom handwashing sink does not exceed 120°F.

Corrections Made:

Verification that the hot water at the bathroom handwashing sink does not exceed 120°F was received.

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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:

During inspection, documentation of a heating and cooling inspection was not available.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that documentation of the heating and cooling system is obtained and maintained on file and renewed annually.

Corrections Made:

Verification of compliance was received.

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Compliance Plan Action #5

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 the inspection, a gap was identified in the perimeter fencing of the playground area.

During the inspection, it was observed that the chain-link fence was warped, creating a small gap at ground level.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will ensure that the fence is maintained in good repair and that all gaps are repaired to eliminate potential hazards.

Corrections Made:

Verification that the fence is maintained and in good repair was submitted.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 21, 2026

Date Completed:

May 12, 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.

Toni Hettich

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 01, 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:

Date
