

Date Issued	June 01, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Next Step Inc.		
Provider ID	1063068912		
Provider Address	805 10th St, Eureka, SD 57437, USA		
Provider Contact	KELLY FARGHER		

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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Maximum group sizes are determined by individual room capacity and all space used must be approved for care by the department.

The provider shall ensure the number of children in care at any given time does not exceed the capacity identified on the license. Children of program employees must be included in the group size.

The provider shall ensure children to staff ratios are maintained in all settings, including large indoor and outdoor space; in spaces where more than twenty children are allowed, providers shall identify which children each provider is responsible to supervise; and when room capacity does not align with the ratio requirements, a maximum of three additional children may be included in the room capacity as long as ratios are maintained.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

A room currently being used for child care has not been approved for use.

Corrections to be Made:

The provider will submit updated floor plans for the space currently being utilized for child care so that it may be reviewed and approved for use and added to the program's licensed child care space

Corrections Made:

The provider submitted updated floor plans for the additional room to be reviewed and approved for use as part of the program's licensed child care space and licensed capacity.

Anticipated Completion Date:
June 10, 2026

Date Completed:
May 29, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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A child care provider shall maintain a record for each employee that includes:

- (1) The employee's name and date of birth;
- (2) The dates on which the employee began and ended employment;
- (3) Documentation of orientation and ongoing annual training, if the employee provides direct care and supervision of children;
- (4) A statement that:
 - (a) Defines child abuse and neglect;
 - (b) Sets forth the employee's responsibility to report all incidents of child abuse or neglect in accordance with SDCL 26-8A-3 and 26-8A-8; and
 - (c) Is signed by the employee; and
- (5) The results of the background check.

All records required by this section must be reviewed and updated at least annually by the provider, made available to the department for verification of the contents, and retained by the provider for six months after the employee leaves the program.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

One staff record was missing Level I Orientation Training.

Corrections to be Made:

Provide documentation of the Level I Orientation Training for the staff record missing it.

Corrections Made:

Documentation of the Level I Orientation Training was provided for the staff record missing it.

Anticipated Completion Date:

June 10, 2026

Date Completed:

May 29, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:04

A provider shall prominently display the department's licensing telephone number and website in the home or licensed facility.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The license certificate wasn't posted at the program

Corrections to be Made:

The license certificate needs to be posted at the program.

Corrections Made:

The license certificate is displayed at the entry by the school office.

Anticipated Completion Date:

Date Completed:

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.

Kelly Fargher

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 23, 2026

Date

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

Julie Hermansen

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

May 21, 2026

Date