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Date Issued	May 21, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Prairie Hills Child Care Center		
Provider ID	016598172		
Provider Address	2015 Tumble Weed Trail, Spearfish, SD 57783, USA		
Provider Contact	Karley LaFountain		

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**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:**

67:42:17:32

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:**

Pre-K

classroom has dust and debris at ceiling vent near restroom.

Middle Classroom has dust and debris at ceiling vents and at bathroom ceiling vent.

Infant classroom has

warped and peeling counter backsplash behind hand sink.

**Corrections to be Made:**

All walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment must be easily cleanable, kept clean, and in good repair. Picture verification of the changes must be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

**Corrections Made:**

The vents in both classrooms were cleaned and vacuumed. Picture verification was sent to the office of Licensing and Accreditation.

The counter backsplash was repaired and picture verification was submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**

**Date Completed:**

**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:**

Infant exit door was impeded by a grass turf/carpet outside of the door. Exit door was also impeded from the inside by children's chairs.

Fire Alarm panel had a deficiency tag from March 2026 inspection.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The exit door was unblocked at the time of inspection and the grass turf and chairs were moved.

Maintenance staff verified that the batteries were replaced at panel and the deficiency/issues have been resolved at the time of inspection.

**Corrections Made:**

All issues were fixed at the time of inspection and verified by the inspector.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
May 22, 2026

**Date Completed:**  
May 21, 2026

**Compliance Plan Action #3**

**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:**

Diaper changing stations have debris on underside surfaces of soft mats and need cleaning.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Diaper changing mats must be cleaned and verification of completion must be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

**Corrections Made:**

The diaper changing area was cleaned and vacuumed and picture verification was sent to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
May 29, 2026

**Date Completed:**  
May 21, 2026

**Compliance Plan Action #4**

**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:**

Several of the borders around the playground are chipped, cracked and damaged.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The borders must be repaired, removed, or replaced and verification must be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

**Corrections Made:**

The borders were either removed or repaired and picture verification was submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
May 29, 2026

**Date Completed:**  
May 26, 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.**

Karley LaFountain  
Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 21, 2026

Date

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

Tina Uecker  
Printed Name of DSS Staff



5/21/2026, 9:28:12 AM  
Signature of DSS Staff:

May 21, 2026

Date