

Date Issued	June 09, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	USD VUCUREVICH CHILDRENS CENTER		
Provider ID	000097127		
Provider Address	Vucurevich Children's Center, 224 SD-50, Vermillion, SD 57069, USA		
Provider Contact	Dawna Andersen		

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:

67:42:17:41

A provider shall meet the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a child, and identify procedures to implement behavior management strategies for use with children in care. Behavior management strategies must offer limits, with positive guidance and direction, to help a child develop self-control and respect for the rights of others, be appropriate to a child's age and developmental level, and include strategies to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.

A behavior management strategy may not be delegated to an older child or peer. Separation, when used as a strategy, must be within sight or hearing of a provider.

The parent of a child may not, while working at the program, use a prohibited discipline technique to discipline the parent's child.

The following methods of discipline are prohibited:

- (1) Spanking, hitting, pinching, biting, shaking, or inflicting any other physical punishment;
- (2) Verbal abuse, shouting, threats, humiliation, or derogatory or sarcastic remarks about the child or the child's family;
- (3) Restriction of movement or confinement;
- (4) Isolating a child in an adjacent room, hallway, closet, darkened area, or any other area where a child cannot be seen or supervised;
- (5) Punishment for lapses in toilet training;
- (6) Withholding or forcing of meals, snacks, naps, or outdoor time to correct behavior;
- (7) Demanding excessive physical exercise or excessive rest; and
- (8) Placing substances in a child's mouth to cause discomfort such as soap, food, or spices.

A provider who is under investigation for abuse and neglect may not be in a caregiving role, if the department determines there is an imminent safety concern to a child in the provider's care.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

During a complaint investigation conducted by the Office of Licensing & Accreditation, it was determined that a provider used a prohibited discipline technique when disciplining their own child in care.

Corrections to be Made:

The parent of a child may not, while working at the program, use a prohibited discipline technique to discipline the parent's child.

Corrections Made:

The provider is no longer be employed at the program. The program has a clear understanding of the requirements of ARSD 67:42:17:41 Prevention of child maltreatment.

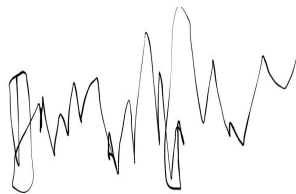
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Date Completed:
June 08, 2026

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.

Dawna Mayer

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

June 09, 2026

Date

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

Brooke Flemmer

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

June 08, 2026

Date