

Date Issued	April 29, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	LITTLE TIKES DAYCARE		
Provider ID	014512098		
Provider Address	512 Main St, Alexandria, SD 57311, USA		
Provider Contact	Miranda Steele		

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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Before a child may be admitted to a registered or licensed day care provider, the provider must require the child's parent or guardian to submit a statement, signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or community health nurse, or an immunization record from the South Dakota Immunization Information System, showing that the child meets the minimum immunization requirements according to 45 C.F.R. § 98.41(a)(1)(i)(A), in effect on September 30, 2016.

The provider shall ensure that immunizations of all children are current.

For children who begin the series late or are more than one month behind in immunizations, the documentation must show progress toward achieving immunization requirements, as determined by a licensed physician, or other licensed practitioner. A grace period may be approved by the department for a child experiencing homelessness or a child in foster care.

A child is exempt from meeting the minimum age-specific immunization levels if:

- (1) The child's parent or guardian has certification from a licensed physician, or other licensed practitioner, stating that the physical condition of the child is such that an immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or
- (2) The child's parent or guardian has signed a written statement that the child is an adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunizations.

If a child becomes ill while at a day care, the provider must separate the child from other children and notify the child's parents. If any child in the program contracts a communicable disease, the provider must notify the Department of Health. The program provider shall follow the Department of Health's recommendations for addressing a situation involving a communicable disease.

To prevent the spread of an infestation or infectious disease, a program shall provide an individual storage unit or container for each child's personal articles.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Information was needed for three children's files, including updated immunization records for two children and a completed immunization record for one child.

Corrections to be Made:

Required information is to be obtained.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that required information was obtained.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 21, 2026

Date Completed:

May 20, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:15

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:

Information was needed for ten provider files including signed mandatory reporter statements for four providers, verification of completed background checks for eight providers, and verification of training for eight providers.

Corrections to be Made:

Required information is to be obtained.

Corrections Made:

Corrections were not completed within the designated timeframe; a Corrective Action Plan was implemented to assist

the program with achieving compliance.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 21, 2026

Date Completed:
June 18, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:17

All providers shall, within ninety days after the date of employment, complete and obtain documentation of orientation training in the following areas:

- (1) Prevention and control of infectious diseases;
- (2) Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and the use of safe sleep practices, if infant care is provided;
- (3) Administration of medication;
- (4) Prevention of and response to an emergency due to food allergies and other allergic reactions;
- (5) Building and physical premises safety;
- (6) Prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma, if infant care is provided;
- (7) Emergency preparedness and response planning for an emergency resulting from a natural disaster or man-caused event;
- (8) Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of biological contaminants;
- (9) Precautions in transporting a child, if the program provides transportation;
- (10) Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect;
- (11) Pediatric first aid;
- (12) Pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- (13) Child development.

Before a provider may care for children without supervision, the provider must complete orientation training in each of the areas listed in this section.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Verification of completed orientation training was not on file for three providers; two other providers did not complete orientation training within 90 days of hire but have since completed the training.

Corrections to be Made:

Needed orientation training is to be obtained.

Corrections Made:

Corrections were not completed within the designated timeframe; a Corrective Action Plan was implemented to assist the program with achieving compliance.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 21, 2026

Date Completed:
June 18, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:09

The program administrator is the director or individual responsible for planning and implementing the program in a licensed child care or school-age program and must be at least eighteen years of age and:

- (1) Have a bachelor's degree in a field of education or human development;
- (2) Have a two-year degree in early childhood education;
- (3) Have a Child Development Associate credential or comparable credential, as determined by the department;
- (4) Hold certification in a child learning philosophy and have at least one year of experience in a child care setting;
- (5) Have a child development technician diploma; or
- (6) Have four years of experience in a center or school-age program.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The program does not have a qualified program administrator.

Corrections to be Made:

The director will complete the requirements to receive a Child Development Associate credential which meets the qualifications for a program administrator.

Corrections Made:

A Corrective Action Plan was issued on 05/08/26 to assist the program with achieving compliance with this issue; the expected completion date is 10/31/27.

Anticipated Completion Date:
October 31, 2027

Date Completed:
May 08, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #5

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:38

The following must be inaccessible to a child:

- (1) Firearms;
- (2) Pellet guns, BB guns, and cap guns;
- (3) Matches and lighters;
- (4) Tobacco products;
- (5) Choking and strangulation hazards;
- (6) Items capable of being pulled or tipped onto a child;
- (7) A platform measuring more than thirty inches above ground level, unless surrounded by a railing that is at least thirty-six inches tall with no more than five inches between openings; and
- (8) Other hazardous condition as identified by the department.

The department may direct a provider to remove or correct a hazardous condition or circumstance not covered in this chapter, if the department considers the conditions or circumstances to have the potential to cause injury or illness to the children in care.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

There are wasps and bees living in the overhang of a storage unit in the outdoor play area. There are several pieces of play equipment located underneath the structure.

Corrections to be Made:

Action must be taken to assure that the insects are removed from the play area.

Corrections Made:

Verification was received that the issue was corrected.

Anticipated Completion Date:

April 30, 2026

Date Completed:

May 22, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #6**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:43

A provider shall have:

- (1) A written emergency preparedness and response plan for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event;
- (2) A written plan for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or a lock-down, that includes accommodations for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities or medical conditions;
- (3) A written procedure for communication and reunification with parents; and
- (4) A written procedure for the continuity of operations.

A provider shall practice the evacuation, shelter-in-place, and lock down procedures, outlined in the emergency preparedness and response plan, at least twice each calendar year. The provider shall document the dates on which the procedures are practiced. A provider shall communicate the emergency preparedness and response plan to each individual at the time the individual begins employment.

Except for family day care, all child care providers shall have liability insurance. Proof of current liability insurance shall be made available to the department, upon request.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Verification of current liability insurance was not available at the time of inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

Verification of insurance is to be submitted.

Corrections Made:

Verification of current insurance information was received.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 21, 2026

Date Completed:

May 22, 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.

Miranda Steele

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

April 29, 2026

Date

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

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Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

April 23, 2026

Date