

Date Issued	July 23, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	WaKayezi Program		
Provider ID	1990261919		
Provider Address	612 Crazy Horse St, Rapid City, SD 57701, USA		
Provider Contact	Shawn Little Thunder		

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:

67:42:17:37

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:

- Alarm panel last inspected 09/2022.
- Two egress/emergency lights in main corridor did not illuminate.
- Missing smoke detectors in three office rooms.
- Exit sign does not illuminate in Room #3.

Corrections to be Made:

- Program will have the alarm panel inspected by a certified technician and submit documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.
- Program will repair all emergency lights/signs to ensure they illuminate and submit verification to the Office of

Licensing & Accreditation.

- Program will install smoke detectors in the three office rooms and submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation

Corrections Made:

- Program had the alarm panel inspected by a certified technician and submitted documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.
- Program repaired all emergency lights/signs to ensure they illuminated and submitted verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.
- Program installed smoke detectors in the three office rooms and submitted verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Anticipated Completion Date:
August 20, 2026

Date Completed:
August 18, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:24

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:

Program did not have enough cubbies for each child to have one; some cubbies were present and more are on order.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will provide a cubby for each child and submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Provider ordered cubbies for each child to have their own and submitted verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Anticipated Completion Date:

August 06, 2026

Date Completed:

July 29, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3**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:

No documentation for the heating/cooling system inspection at the time of inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will have the heating/cooling system inspected by a certified technician and submit documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program had the heating/cooling system inspected by a certified technician and submitted documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Anticipated Completion Date:

August 06, 2026

Date Completed:

July 29, 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.

Shawn Little Thunder

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

July 23, 2026

Date

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

Andrea Neff

Printed Name of DSS Staff



7/23/2026, 8:12:53 AM

Signature of DSS Staff:

July 23, 2026

Date