

Date Issued	October 14, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	LITTLE PROMISES UNIVERSITY		
Provider ID	016597880		
Provider Address	198 Old Stone Rd, Sturgis, SD 57785, USA		
Provider Contact	Nancy Morrison		

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:

Refrigerator was plugged into a power strip in infant room.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will ensure all equipment is plugged into a direct outlet and submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program corrected immediately on-site during the inspection; refrigerator was plugged directly into a wall outlet.

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Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:26

A nap mat, blanket, or other sleep surface, other than the floor, for children over one year of age must be available for each child during nap time.

A sleep surface must be maintained in good repair.

A provider shall follow the safe sleep practices contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**, for infants under the age of one.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Infant room bassinets was found with additional mattresses installed that were not tight fitting; there was a gap around the mattress.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will ensure all infant sleeping areas have a tight fitting mattress with no gap around the mattress and submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program corrected on-site during the inspection; two mattresses were removed and another placed into the bassinet that correctly fit.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:33

A provider shall meet the following requirements regarding bathrooms:

- (1) Bathroom facilities must be easily accessible by children and providers;
- (2) Hot water for faucets normally used by children in care may not exceed one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit;
- (3) Toilets and hand sinks must be kept clean and in good repair; and
- (4) For child care centers and school-age programs:
 - (a) All bathrooms must have natural or mechanical ventilation;
 - (b) Separate bathrooms must be available for males and females;
 - (c) Ratios for toilet and hand sinks must align with the minimum standards for plumbing and plumbing systems published by the plumbing commission.

Except in a family day care, hand sinks must be in the same room, or an unobstructed room adjacent to the diaper

changing area. A handwashing sink used after diapering and toileting may not be used for food preparation.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

- Staff bathroom that is also used for children was out of hand soap.
- Three year old's classroom bathroom light switch was visibly dirty.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will need to ensure the staff bathroom has soap and the three year old's bathroom light switch is cleaned. Once all corrections have been made, verification will be submitted to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program corrected the non-compliance items and notified the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

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Compliance Plan Action #4

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:

Pre-K classroom bathroom had a low cubby with first aid kit, fragrance refills, hand sanitizer and other miscellaneous supplies all within reach of children.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will remove all hazardous substances out of reach of children in the Pre-K classroom bathroom then submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

Program removed all hazardous substances out of reach of children in the Pre-K classroom bathroom and submitted verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

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September 29, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #5

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:

Documentation of heating and cooling inspection was not available during the inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will submit the current heating and cooling inspection documentation to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

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

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Compliance Plan Action #6

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:

Three year old's classroom had a light string dangling low next to play equipment and a long charging cord hanging within children's reach at the south wall.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will ensure all strangulation hazards are inaccessible to children.

Corrections Made:

Program corrected both during the inspection; the light string dangling was propped over a tack on the wall and the long charging cord was removed. All staff were reminded about keeping cords out of reach of children.

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Compliance Plan Action #7

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:

- Extension cord was hanging loose over northwest corner of playground fence.
- Some thistle/weeds were observed in the playground area next to building.

Corrections to be Made:

- Program will ensure all extension cords are inaccessible to children.
- Program will remove all thistle/weeds in the playground area next to building and submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

- Program corrected during the inspection moving the excess cord to outside of fence making it inaccessible to children.
- Program removed all thistle/weeds in the playground area next to building and submitted verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

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Compliance Plan Action #8

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:31

An infant shall be fed according to the infant's schedule. The provider shall hold the infant's bottle when feeding the infant. The provider may not feed an infant by propping up the infant's bottle.

Food, including breast milk and formula, must be properly stored, kept at the proper temperature, and protected from potential contamination according to the preparing, feeding, and storing standards contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

- In kitchen refrigerator, two tubes of raw sausage were stored commingling with heads of raw cauliflower.
- Baby and one year old classroom refrigerators have shelf residue and frost build up in the freezers.
- One year old classroom refrigerator thermometer is not working.
- Two and Three year old's classroom refrigerators were found with temperatures of forty-five to fifty degrees Fahrenheit.

Corrections to be Made:

Program will submit verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation of the following corrections:

- Ensure raw meats are stored properly and separated from ready to eat foods.
- Clean baby and one year old classroom refrigerators to remove shelf residue and frost build up in the freezers.
- Replace the one year old classroom refrigerator thermometer to ensure it is working properly.
- Ensure the two and three year old's classroom refrigerators are maintaining temperatures of forty-one degrees Fahrenheit or less.

Corrections Made:

Program corrected all non-compliance items found during the inspection and submitted verification to the Office of Licensing & Accreditation.

- One refrigerator drawer was designated for raw meats to thaw.
- Baby and one year old classroom refrigerators were cleaned to remove shelf residues and frost build up in the freezers.
- A new thermometer was purchased for the refrigerator in the One year old classroom.
- The Two and Three year old's classroom received new refrigerators and are maintaining temperatures of forty-one degrees Fahrenheit or less.

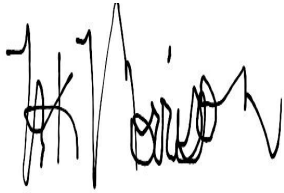
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Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.

Nancy Morrison

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

September 18, 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



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Signature of DSS Staff:

September 18, 2026

Date