COMPLIANCE PLAN
OFFICE OF LICENSING & ACCREDITATION

South Dakota Department of Social Services

Date Issued	September 29, 2026	Status	Closed

Provider Name	CANTON AREA PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE
Provider ID	018042945
Provider Address	220 S Bartlett St, Canton, SD 57013, USA
Provider Contact	Ariana King

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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All providers shall be at least eighteen years of age and demonstrate and maintain the ability to provide care that attends to the child's physical growth and development and to the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of the child, as determined by the department.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

During a complaint investigation, it was determined that a provider engaged in inappropriate physical behavior toward a child that did not demonstrate the ability to provide care that adequately attends to the child's physical needs.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will ensure all providers provide care that attends to the child's physical growth and development and to the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of the child, as determined by the department.

Corrections Made:

The program informed the Office of Licensing & Accreditation on September 11, 2026, that the provider is no longer employed by the child care program.

Anticipated Completion Date:	Date Completed:
September 25, 2026	September 11, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:20

A center provider supervising children must be in the same room with the children or on the playground with the children, and must be able to see or hear the children, at all times.

If children are in a school-age program, the provider must be able to hear or see the children, at all times, and must be close enough to intervene at all times.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

During a complaint investigation, it was determined that a provider fell asleep on two separate occasions while responsible for supervising children who were napping.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will ensure providers actively supervise children at all times and remain awake and alert to the needs of the children, including during nap time.

Corrections Made:

The program informed the Office of Licensing & Accreditation on September 11, 2026, that the provider is no longer employed by the child care program.

Anticipated Completion Date:	**Date Completed:**
September 25, 2026	September 11, 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:

During the complaint investigation, the following building condition concerns were observed:

- Floors were not maintained in a clean condition.
- Numerous ceiling tiles throughout the building were missing or stained.
- Light fixtures and skylights were not maintained in a clean condition or in good repair.
- In the infant room, water was observed seeping through seams in the flooring. The room was not being used for child care at the time of the investigation.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will correct the identified building condition concerns and notify the Office of Licensing & Accreditation (OLA) when the corrections are complete. OLA will conduct an on-site visit to verify that the identified concerns have been resolved.

Corrections Made:

OLA conducted an on-site visit on October 21, 2026, and verified that the identified concerns were resolved.

Anticipated Completion Date:	**Date Completed:**
October 30, 2026	October 21, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #4

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:

During the complaint investigation, it was determined that three toilets were not operational and the bathrooms were not maintained in a clean condition.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will repair the three non-operational toilets and implement a cleaning checklist to ensure the facility, including the bathrooms, is maintained in a clean condition.

Corrections Made:

OLA conducted an onsite visit on October 21, 2026, and verified that the three non-operational toilets have been repaired and that a cleaning checklist has been implemented and is being followed.

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Compliance Plan Action #5

Administrative Rule:

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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:

The following hazardous conditions were identified during the complaint investigation:

- Water was observed leaking into a fluorescent light fixture in the southeast hallway. The program will not use the light fixture until it has been determined to be safe for use.
- The register cover in the southeast hallway was loose and not securely attached to the register.
- Cords from the window blinds were accessible to children in the southwest classroom near the kitchen, posing a strangulation hazard.
- A window air conditioner was plugged into an extension cord rather than directly into an electrical outlet, as required by state fire code.
- Broken toys and equipment were observed in various areas throughout the child care program and on the playground.
- A countertop in the infant room was not maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will correct the identified hazardous conditions and notify the Office of Licensing & Accreditation (OLA) when the corrections are complete. OLA will conduct an on-site visit to verify that the identified concerns have been resolved.

Corrections Made:

OLA conducted an on-site visit on October 21, 2026, and verified that the identified concerns have been resolved.

Anticipated Completion Date:	**Date Completed:**
October 30, 2026	October 21, 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.

Ariana King

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



September 29, 2026

Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

Date

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

Teri Pieters

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

September 25, 2026

Date