STATE OF WYOMING
Department of Family Services

CCL-305

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Patricia M Lindell - Director
Facility Name: Academy Kidz LLC
Owner:
Site Address: 1273 Wendy Lane
City/State/Zip: Cheyenne, WY 82009

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 08/27/2019, and investigated by Michelle Lala

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-4803, was provided on 08/28/2019.

The finding is listed below for each individual alleged violation of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules:

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1. Finding: Non-Compliant

   Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements

   Section 2. Capacity/Supervision Requirements

   (b) Staff:child ratios and supervision requirements as described in this chapter shall be maintained at all times.

   Reason: It was reported that on 08/27/2019 one staff member was at the facility taking care of children while the required ratios were not followed; there were 3 to 5 children under 2 years of age and 5 to 7 children over 2 years of age.

   Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence obtained over the course of this investigation, it was found that on 08/27/2019 one staff member was alone at the facility with 11 children. During this time period, five children were under the age of 2 and 6 children were over the age of 2. There is no scenario in which this amount of children could be alone with one staff person and maintain compliance with staff:child ratio requirements.

   Action Required: Immediately begin maintaining compliance with staff:child ratio requirements. Complete the enclosed Corrective Action Plan detailing how the facility with ensure that staff:child ratio requirements are being met at all time, including during nap time and times when the director is out of the facility.

   Corrective Action Plan Due Date:
   Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 09/20/2019
Compliance Achieved Date: 09/20/2019

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

   Regulation: Chapter 10. Fire Standards for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Centers - Education Classification (Group E)

   Section 6. Smoke Alarms

   (a) Smoke alarms (detectors) shall be installed and maintained as follows:

   Reason: It has been reported that on 08/27/2019, the batteries from the smoke alarms in the facility were removed, rendering them inoperable.

   Explanation of Findings: Through interviews and evidence obtained over the course of this investigation, it was found that on 08/27/2019, the batteries were removed from three battery operated smoke alarms, two upstairs and one downstairs, rendering them inoperable, and the batteries were not replaced until the fire inspector and licenser visited the facility on 08/28/2019.

   Action Required: Complete the enclosed Corrective Action Plan detailing how the facility will maintain compliance with the requirement to keep smoke alarms installed and maintained, including a plan for replacement when batteries are low.

   Corrective Action Plan Due Date:
   Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
   Compliance Due Date: 09/20/2019
   Compliance Achieved Date: 09/20/2019

The Department requests your cooperation in ensuring compliance is met. In the absence of cooperation, the Department may take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the safety of children.

The Department's information may be shared with authorized individuals or agencies, which include, but are not limited to, the Attorney General, County Attorney, and law enforcement.

If you disagree with the Department's finding of a non-compliance violation, you may request an Administrative hearing within (10) days of your receipt of this letter (W.S. 14–4–108). Administrative hearing procedures are included in the Wyoming Department of Family Services Contested Case Hearing Rules, Chapter 2, Substitute Care and Child Care Licensing and based on the above statute. If you need a copy of the Rules, or assistance in requesting an Administrative hearing, you may contact the Department of Family Services Field Office in the county where you live.

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