Division of Public Health

April 26, 2016

KIDS R US Danielle Self, Owner/Director 624 West 20th Street Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Ms Self:

In accordance with the letter written by Harriet Spelts, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, on April 25, 2016, your original License to operate a Child Care Center in the State of Nebraska has been placed on Corrective Action Status. A license imprinted with the term "Corrective Action Status" is enclosed. This status became effective April 25, 2016, and it will remain in effect until October 25, 2016. Upon completion of this term, a new license will be issued to you.

At this time we ask that you submit your current license by return mail, within the next seven (7) days, to DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Attn: Marsha Wandersee, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4986.

If you have any questions, please contact Harriet Spelts, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, at (308) 535-8246.

Sincerely,

Becky Wisell, Administrator

Licensure Unit

301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509-4986

BW/dcp

cc: Children's Services Licensing

This license shall be kept available in the establishment and such proof of credentialing shall be shown upon request.

State of Nebraska

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health

LIL' ANGELS PLAYHOUSE, LLC

is hereby authorized in compliance with laws of the State of Nebraska to establish and conduct an Operating Child Care Center located at: 624 WEST 20TH STREET Scottsbluff NE 69361

A maximum of 92 children in ages 6 WKS to 13 YRS may be in attendance at any one time during the hours of 0500 to 2000 on MTWTHFSSU.

KIDS R US is hereby issued License No. CCC9450
whose status is Active-Corrective Action Status effective from 04/25/2016
Amended: 04/25/2016

Given under the name and Seal of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure of the State of Nebraska at Lincoln on April 26, 2016.



Courtney N. Phillips, MPA Chief Executive Officer Department of Health and Human Services



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State of Nebraska Pete Ricketts, Governor

April 25, 2016

Danielle Self, Licensee/Director Kids R US 624 West 20th St Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Ms. Self;

I have received and reviewed your Corrective Action Plan regarding transportation and your plan to provide properly secured and appropriate federally approved car seats for the child's age and developmental level for all the children in your Child Care Center while transported. Your plan is approved.

Your plan states you:

- 1. Purchased 18 car seats for children 20-80 pounds and ages 2-8 to be used in the two white vans.
- Scheduled staff to attend a 3 hour training on the "Safe Kids Buckle Up" on April 26th and May 7th. Only staff with this
 training will be allowed to transport. Submit verification of completion of training to Kathy Hickox by May 11, 2016.
- 3. Have audited all your children's files and have written permission from parents to transport children.
- 4. Held a staff meeting on April 1, 2016 to discuss Child Care Regulations related to transportation.

You are required to follow the plan you submitted as outlined above.

Your Corrective Action Status is in effect from April 25, 2016 to October 25, 2016.

You are subject to monitoring visits by Children Services Licensing staff to determine compliance with this plan.

If at any time subsequent to your placement on Corrective Action Status, should Children's Services Licensing receive substantiated concerns of complaints relating to the care, well being or risk to children in care, Children's Services Licensing/Licensure Unit will initiate further negative action against your Child Care Center license.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hickox (308) 436-6567 or myself at (308) 535-8246.

Sincerely,

Harriet Spelts, Child Care Licensing Supervisor DHHS, Division of Public Health Children's Services Licensing Unit 200 S Silber North PLatte, NE 69101

cc: Kathy Hickox, Child Care Inspection Specialist Marsha Wandersee, Administrative Assistant II Amanda Mack, Resource Development Worker To Whom It May Concern:

This is a corrective action plan to ensure that KIDS R US is in compliance with the transportation policies issued by the state of Nebraska. I, Danielle Self, Director and Owner/Operator of the facility will be responsible for making the changes and ensuring that Kids R Us stays within the guidelines.

On March 10, 2016, KIDS R US transported 20 children ages 3-6 to the library without the proper car seats. I am now aware that the seat belts in our Daycare vans do not meet the State of Nebraska Child Restraint guidelines and that pre-school aged children must be in 5 point harness car seats.

To correct this compliance issue KIDS R US has purchased the car seats and have them available for all transportation requirements. All staff will take the "Safe Kids Buckle Up" course within 60 days. Kids R Us staff have also had a meeting with to ensure that everyone knows and understands the State of Nebraska transportation guidelines and KIDS R US policy and procedures.

We have audited all KIDS R US enrollment packet and have made sure that everyone has their permission forms signed.

I have not implemented any new policies but just emphasized the existing transportation guidelines.

Thank you for understanding and working with us as we correct this issue.

Danielle Self

Kids R Us

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State of Nebraska Pete Rickells, Governor

March 18, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL

Danielle Self, Licensee/Director Kids R US 624 West 20th St Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Ms. Self;

<u>Nebraska Revised Statutes</u>, section 71-1911 (4), of the Child Care Licensing Act and Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Centers, Title 391, Chapter 3, Page 11, 3-003.05B Corrective Action Status provides that the Department may place a provisional or operating license on corrective action status.

FACTS:

On 3-10-16 at 10:30 AM, Kathy Hickox, CCIS, arrived at the Leid Scottsbluff Library and waited until all of the children were in the two vans. Ms. Hickox walked over to the vans and observed 10 children in each of the vans, strapped in with the shoulder and lap belt of the van, none of the children were in appropriate car seats.

The ages of the children in the van; 5 children were 3 years of age, 7 children were 4 years of age, 7 children were 5 years of age and one child was 6 years old.

Ms. Hickox called the Scottsbluff Police Department and Officer Matt Brown arrived within a few minutes. Officer Brown informed the drivers, Irene Mijares and Gena Schillereff, the children must be transported in appropriate car seats. Ms Mijares told Ms Hickox she has been transporting children without car seats for the 3 years she has been employed by Daniel Self.

Ms. Schillereff called the center and Rebecca Bradford informed Ms. Schillereff, they do not have any appropriate car seats for the 20 children being transported. Ms. Bradford suggest Ms. Mijares and Ms. Schillereff walk the 20 children back to the center which is .08 miles from the Leid Scottsbluff Library.

On 3-18-16, Ms. Self stated the center started transporting 3-5 years old to the Leid Scottsbluff Library every Thursday since September 2015.

REGULATORY BASIS:

391 NAC 3-006.01, #2 Licensee Qualifications and Requirements: The Child Care Center licensee must be in compliance with all regulations whenever any children are in care.

391 NAC 3-006.01, #5 Licensee Qualifications and Requirements: The Child Care Center licensee must ensure that the center has sufficient resources to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment to all children enrolled in the center.

391 NAC 3-006.26. #7 Transportation: The Child Care Center licensee must ensure all children transported must be properly secured in the appropriate restraint system as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 60-6,267 and 60-6,268;

391 NAC 3-006.26 #8 Transporation: The Child Care Center licensee must ensure all car seats must be federally approved and must be the correct type for the child's age and developmental level.

391 NAC 3-006.10C Transportation Training: The Child Care Center licensee must ensure individuals who transport children on behalf of a child care center must receive and maintain a valid certificate of completion of the "Safe Kids Buckle Up" program within 90 days of employment and every five years thereafter.

391 NAC 3-008.01 #4 Grounds for Denial or Disciplinary Action: Conduct or practices deterimental to the health or safety of an individual served by or employed at the program.

DETERMINING CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS:

A non-disciplinary probationary license may be issued for the licensee to operate under corrective action status if the department determines that:

- (a) The licensee is unable to comply with all licensure requirements and standards or has had a history of noncompliance;
- (b) The effect of noncompliances with any rule or regulation does not present an unreasonable risk to the health, safety or well-being of children or staff;
- (c) The licensee has a written plan of correction that has been approved by the Department.

Based on the facts presented above and the regulations violated, the Department is placing your operating license on Corrective Action Status for a period of six months.

CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS: PLAN OF CORRECTION:

Corrective action status is voluntary and the decision regarding placement on corrective action status is not appealable. However, you are <u>required</u> to submit a written plan of correction that <u>must be approved</u> by the Department.

The following items must be included in your written Plan of Correction:

- 1. Identify the issues or concern;
- 2. Identify who is responsible for corrections and maintenance of compliance;
- 3. Describe any changes in policies/ procedures you have done to ensure this type of incident does not happen again;
- 4. Ensure that all staff attend a 3 hour training on the "Safe Kids Buckle Up" within the next 60 days, and submit documentation of completion to Kathy Hickox;

Please submit your written Corrective Action Plan to Kathy Hickox, Child Care Inspection Specialist, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children's Services Licensing, 250114 Skyport Dr., Scottsbluff, NE, 69361, within ten calendar days after you receive this letter.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:

If you do not submit a written plan of correction, or the written plan of correction is not approved, the Department may discipline your license by imposing one or a combination of the following types of disciplinary action:

- (a) Issue a probationary (disciplinary) license;
- (b) Suspend or revoke a provisional, probationary, or operating license;
- (c) Impose a civil penalty of up to five dollars per child, based upon the number of children for which the program is authorized to provide child care on the effective date of the finding of violation, for each day the program is in violation:
- (d) Establish restrictions on new enrollment in the program;
- (e) Establish restrictions or other limitations on the number of children or the age of the children served in the program; or
- (f) Establish other restrictions or limitations on the type of service provided by the program.

If you have any questions regarding this letter,	please contact Kathy Hickox at (308) 436-6567or myself at
(308) 535-8246.	

Thank you.

Sincerely,

mus and By me

Harriet Spelts, Child Care Licensing Supervisor Children's Services Licensing Division of Public Health 200 South Silber Avenue North Platte NE 69101

ce: Kathy Hickox, Child Care Inspection Specialist Marsha Wandersee, Administrative Assistant II