

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
STATE OF COLORADO

Case No. SLD 2018-\_\_\_\_\_

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**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF CHILD CARE PROVIDER LITTLE MINDS LEARNING  
CENTER - LITTLETON, LICENSE NO. 1645229

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO: Little Minds Learning Center - Littleton  
5882 S. Youngfield Court  
Littleton, CO 80127

The Colorado Department of Human Services (Department), pursuant to §§ 24-4-104(4) and 26-6-108(2), C.R.S. (2017), and upon information obtained from inspections, investigations and other reports concerning the matter referenced below, finds:

1. The Department has jurisdiction over the license, person and subject matter in this document.
2. The Department issued permanent license no. 1645229 to Little Minds Learning Center - Littleton ("Licensee") to operate a child care center at 5882 S. Youngfield Ct., Littleton, CO 80127 on July 3, 2014.
3. The permanent child care license issued authorizes the care of 15 children aged 2 months to 18 months, 34 children aged 1 year to 3 years and 50 children aged 2 ½ to 7 years.
4. In 2016, Licensee was the subject of an adverse licensing recommendation that resulted in a six month settlement agreement with the Department. That action was initiated due to consistent failure to maintain licensing standards as well as an incident where an infant was burned by hot water from a microwave. During the settlement period the Department documented violations of the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement.
5. After the 2016 settlement agreement concluded, the Department observed additional consistent failures to maintain qualified staff, maintain appropriate staff-child supervision ratios, obtain background checks and maintain records establishing that staff are appropriately trained. The consistent failures

resulted in a second recommendation for adverse licensing action on August 22, 2017.

6. On January 19, 2018, the Department notified Licensee that it was demoting its license to probationary status based on the number, and dangerous nature, of its licensing violations.

7. Since January of 2017, Licensee has received five safe sleep violations. Four of the violations occurred after July of 2017, with the most recent violation occurring on April 17, 2018.

- a. On July 26, 2017, a Department representative observed a three month old infant swaddled in a crib without the required doctor's order.
- b. On August 17, 2017, a Department representative observed that a nine month old infant was sleeping in a crib with a loosely fitted sheet.
- c. On December 11, 2017, an eleven month old infant was found sleeping with a pacifier that had a stuffed animal attached, posing a suffocation hazard.
- d. On April 17, 2018, a Department representative observed an infant sleeping in a crib with a pacifier attached to a long strap, posing a strangulation hazard.

8. Additionally, since the 2016 settlement agreement concluded, Licensee has continued to consistently violate Department rules related to the required child to staff ratio with three violations occurring in 2018, most recently on May 23, 2018.

- a. On February 7, 2018, a Department representative observed two staff responsible for the supervision of 27 children between the ages of three and five years.
- b. On April 24, 2018, a Department representative observed one staff member responsible for the supervision of between eight and ten children.
- c. On May 23, 2018, a Department representative observed two staff members responsible for the supervision of 26 children.

9. On May 23, 2018, a Department representative conducted an inspection of Licensee's child care center. In addition to the staff to child ratio violation noted above, it was also documented that a staff member grabbed a child

by the arm on May 21, 2018 and was screaming at the child while the child was crying and rolling on the floor. Additionally, the same staff member was heard yelling profanities throughout the child care center as he exited the facility. The Department representative also observed that there was a group of 26 children between the ages of three and five years on the playground being supervised by two teachers. The maximum group size for that age range is twenty children.

10. Based on Licensee's consistent, willful and deliberate violations of safety standards, the Department has reasonable grounds to believe, and finds that the operation of this child care center presents a substantial danger to the public health, safety, and welfare requiring emergency action, as indicated by the following:

- (a) Licensee's consistent failure to maintain standards prescribed by the Department, in violation of § 26-6-108(2)(d), C.R.S.; and
- (b) Licensee's willful or deliberate violation of the Child Care Licensing Act, in violation of § 26-6-108(2)(i), C.R.S.

THEREFORE, the Department is authorized to summarily suspend this license pursuant to §§ 24-4-104(4), 26-6-108(2)(d) and 26-6-108(2)(i), C.R.S.

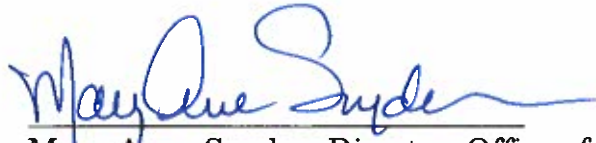
**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that license number 1645229, issued to Little Minds Learning Center-Littleton, is summarily suspended pending proceedings to determine whether that license should be further suspended or revoked. The Licensee shall immediately surrender license number 1645229 to the Department pending the conclusion of the administrative proceedings herein.

**FURTHERMORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

- 1. That the Notice of Charges be promptly prepared and sent to Licensee.
- 2. That administrative proceedings be instituted and determined promptly.
- 3. That Licensee shall immediately desist and refrain from any further act for which a child care license is required by the State of Colorado.
- 4. That Licensee shall immediately surrender license no. 1645229 to the Department pending the conclusion of the administrative proceedings herein.

DONE this 25th day of May 2018.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mary Anne Snyder", with a horizontal line underneath.

Mary Anne Snyder, Director, Office of Early  
Childhood