

Group Family Daycare Proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

Fountain Springs Health Care is a long term care facility with 90 skilled and 10 assisted living beds. For years there has been a daycare center located in the Fountain Springs Church next door. This child care center closed its doors August 21st and we have been looking for a solution to the problem this has caused for our staff.

We would like to continue to provide child care by opening a daycare within our health care facility. This would be very small scale, for the health care staff members only. This would involve a maximum capacity of 17 children, ages 0 to Kindergarten. We do not plan to offer state assistance, nor do we plan to transport children to and from school or other activities.

The Fountain Springs Child Care Center will be a place in which children are safe and happy. The Center will provide numerous opportunities for children to learn, grow and play. Parents will feel confident and secure leaving their children here at Fountain Springs. We will provide knowledgeable and loving staff to care for all of the children.

In consideration for parking, we have 125 employees. The largest of the shifts has 51 employees at a given time. Since the parents of the children will all be current employees, it would not pose an additional parking burden.

After looking over the enclosed documents we are sure you will agree. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 605-343-3555.

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Thank you for you time and consideration,

Holly Cole. Director of Activities and proposed Daycare Director

Mary Sateren. Administrator

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Activity Room-This room is currently being used as a day room for our residents. It is the room primarily used for activities such as crafts, bible studies, watching movies etc. We would like to use this space for the children occasionally during intergenerational activities; however, we would not like the square footage of this room to be considered in our daycare licensure.

Sun Room-This room is currently being used as a staff break room and as a sitting area for our residents. We would like to use this 3 season enclosed sun room for the children on occasion, but would not like this room's square footage to be considered in our daycare licensure.

Baby Room-this room is currently being used as the Activity Department's office. We plan to remove all office furniture and to add a hand sink and changing table to make this a usable space for children. We would like this room's square footage to be included in the daycare licensure.

Main Dining Room-this space is used primarily for resident mealtimes, it is a nice big space with easy to clean tile floors making it a great area for snow cone making, pumpkin carving and other messy events. We would like to use this space for intergenerational activities on occasion, however would not like the square footage to be included in the daycare licensure.

Backyard-this space is currently used as a staff break area as well as a sitting area for our residents and their families. We have obtained a large amount of outdoor play equipment from the previous Fountain Springs Daycare and we would like to use this enclosed area's square footage as our primary outdoor play area.

Barnyard area-this space is currently used for our residents and their families to spend time outdoors looking at the beautiful flowers and reminiscing about past days as they sit and watch the chickens. We would like to use this enclosed space as a secondary outdoor play area, but would not like the square footage to be included in our daycare licensure.

Simpson Dining room-this space is used primarily for resident mealtimes, however we currently also use the space for cooking/baking activities as this room has a stove. We would like to include the children in these occasional activities, however, would not like to have this room's square footage included in the daycare licensure.

Miller Dining room-this space is used primarily for resident mealtimes, however we would like to be able to use this room as additional space for intergenerational activities such as finger painting, crafts and games. We would not like this room's square footage to be considered in the daycare licensure.

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School House-this area is currently used by children visiting our residents. It has the feel of a traditional school house and makes a great area for play. We would like for the children to be able to use this additional space however would not like the square footage to be included in our daycare licensure.

Lower Level bathrooms-each of these bathrooms has one toilet and one sink. We plan to designate one for girls and one for boys.

Upper Level bathrooms-each of these bathrooms has one toilet and one sink. We plan to designate one for girls and one for boys.

Kitchen-This is the same kitchen that was approved to provide meals for the Fountain Springs Child Care Center that closed on August 21st. It is inspected and certified by the South Dakota Department of Health annually and we have 3 supervisors who are Serve Safe Certified as per our skilled nursing facility licensure.

Lower Level Break Room-this space is currently used for employee breaks. We plan to rearrange the current furniture to allow space for a dining area for the children. We would like to be able to use this space for the children, but would not like the square footage to be included in the daycare licensure.

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