

South Dakota Department of Social Services
CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE
as a
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY


This is to certify that Wellfully is hereby granted
this license to conduct and maintain a Residential Treatment Center
located at 22 Waterloo St., Rapid City, SD 57701
to provide care for a maximum of 12 female and 10 male youth ages 12 to 17 years,
for the period from August 31, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

This facility satisfactorily complies with requirements of the South Dakota Compiled Laws of 1967,
Sections 26-6-1 through 26-6-27 and the Child Care Standards as established by the
South Dakota Department of Social Services. This license is subject to revocation for
reasonable cause as cited in SDCL 1967; Section 26-6-23.

Issued this 3rd day of November 2024.



License Number R28831



Licensing & Accreditation Administrator

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**LICENSING RENEWAL STUDY
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS
ARSD 67:42:01, 67:42:08**

NAME: Wellfully (R28831)

DIRECTOR: Bob Burke

1. Licensing Requirements – 67:42:07:11.01, 67:42:08:01.01, SDCL 26-6-11

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. The following have been submitted to the Department:		
1. Application materials for license.	✓	_____
2. Documentation to verify the agency/facility is currently accredited by CARF, COA or Joint Commission or making progress in pursuit of accreditation.	✓	_____
B. A statement of compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is included in the agency's policies or is a part of the purchase of service contract with the Department.	✓	_____

Comments:

An application for license renewal dated September 30, 2024 is on file in the licensing record. It contains a signed statement of compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which is also a part of the agency agreement with the Department of Social Services.

A copy of a letter from the Joint Commission verifying accreditation in the area of Behavioral Health Care, is on file in the licensing record. The certificate states the accreditation is effective September 9, 2023 and is customarily valid for up to thirty-six months.

2. Agency Responsibilities – SDCL 26-6-11

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. The building and equipment needs of the organization are adequately met.	✓	_____
B. The agency has sufficient funds to meet the needs of the community.	✓	_____

Comments:

The reviewers found Wellfully to be adequately furnished and maintained to provide for the needs of the residents. Financial reports provided indicate the availability of sufficient funds to provide for the needs of the program.

3. Insurance - 67:42:01:35

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. Vehicles used to transport clients have appropriate passenger liability insurance.	✓	_____
B. The agency carries public liability insurance.	_____	_____

_____ ✓ _____

Comments:

A Certificate of Liability Insurance showing coverage for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability, Umbrella Liability Occurrence and Retention with Philadelphia Insurance Company through November 1, 2025 was provided with the application materials and is on file in the licensing record.

4. Accounting Systems - 67:42:01:34

YES NO

A. An audit of the accounts has been done in the last year by a CPA.

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Comments:

An audit of Wellfully's financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2023 and 2022 was completed by Ketel Thorstenson, LLP on January 24, 2024. A copy of the audit report, including a summary of significant accounting policies is on file in the licensing record.

5. Staff Qualifications - 67:42:08:02, 67:42:07:07

A. Program Director

YES NO

1. Master's Degree in an accredited behavioral or social science area plus two years relevant alternative child care experience; or

_____ NA _____

2. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in an accredited behavioral or social science area plus four year's relevant alternative childcare experience.

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Comments:

Bob Burke took over as Executive Director in August of 2023. Bob has a Bachelors Degree in Social Science. He was previously the Chief Operations Officer.

B. Other Staff

YES NO

1. At least eighteen years of age.

_____ ✓ _____

2. If under age twenty-one, is under direct supervision of an experienced child care staff; and 3 years older than any children supervised.

_____ ✓ _____

Comments:

All records reviewed were for staff who are over the age of twenty-one and the reviewers were informed the facility does not employ individuals under the age of twenty-one.

6. <u>Staff/Child Ratio - 67:42:08:03</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. 1:6 during waking hours.	✓	
B. 1:12 in the building during sleeping hours.	✓	
C. One staff member present in each separate sleeping unit during sleeping hours.	✓	
D. Arrangements made for substitute staff during vacations, illness, or off-duty time of regular staff.	✓	
E. Certified special ed teachers are employed (when appropriate).	✓	
F. Provisions are made for auxiliary staff members, i.e., mental health professionals, physical therapist, and/or occupational therapist (when appropriate).	✓	
G. A minimum of two adults are on the grounds at all times when children are present.	✓	
H. The facility has a written plan to ensure that staff, law enforcement, or appropriate emergency responders are available at the center within a reasonable time in the event of an emergency.	✓	

Comments:

A staff schedule was provided with the application materials. The schedule includes day, evening, and night shifts for the Residential Treatment unit for youth care workers, float staff, team leads, and nurses.

7. Personnel Records – 67:42:07:04.01, 67:42:07:07, 67:42:07:08, 67:42:07:09;
SDCL 26-6-14.11

A. Personnel records are maintained and contain the following:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Resume or application that includes educational background, personal, and employment history.	✓	
2. Job description.	✓	
3. Annual performance appraisal.	✓	
4. Verification of contact with at least three former employers or professional references if former employers not available.	✓	
5. Verification of screening for substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.	✓	
6. Verification of submission of fingerprints to the DCI/FBI.	✓	
7. Verification of sex offender registry checks.	✓	
8. Verification of current certification in basic 1 st Aid and CPR.	✓	

9. At least one official onsite designated to authorize the Reasonable and Prudent parent Standard.	✓	
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Comments:

Records reviewed contained documentation to verify compliance with the above requirements.

8. <u>In-service Training</u> – 67:42:07:04, 67:42:08:04, 42 CFR 483.376	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. There is a written plan for orientation and training for staff and volunteers.	✓	
B. Each employee has a documented record of an initial orientation to the center during their first month of employment that includes the facility’s functions, services, community resources and specific job functions.	✓	
C. Each employee has a documented record of a minimum of forty hours annual in-service training.	✓	
D. Each employee receives in-service training during the first year of employment that includes all of the areas required in 67:42:07:04.	✓	
E. Training for all employees after the first year of employment is determined by an annual evaluation and is competency based.	✓	

Comments:

Documents were found in files to support the above requirements.

9. <u>Reporting Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect and Changes in Circumstances, Unusual Incidents</u> - 67:42:01:12, 67:42:07:15, 67:42:07:16	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. The facility has a written procedure for handling and reporting suspected in-house CA/N. It includes:		
1. A definition of what constitutes CA/N;	✓	
2. Immediate reporting to DSS or law enforcement;	✓	
3. A procedure for assuring the incident will not recur pending the investigation;	✓	
4. A procedure for evaluating the continued employability of any staff member involved in an incident of CA/N.	✓	
B. Each employee has signed a statement acknowledging and understanding the reporting procedure.	✓	
C. The facility is aware of its need to report any changes of circumstances that may affect its licensed status.	✓	

D. The facility is aware of its need to report unusual incidents. ✓

Comments:

Wellfully written procedures for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect, change circumstances, and unusual incidents relate to the above requirements. Each personnel record reviewed contained a signed statement defining child abuse and neglect and outlined agency reporting procedures.

10. Treatment - 67:42:01:01(7), 67:42:07:04.01, 67:42:08:01, 67:42:08:01.01, 67:42:08:05, 67:42:08:07, 67:42:07:10, 67:42:01:21

A. There are written procedures relating to:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Intake.	✓	
2. Treatment.	✓	
3. Discharge.	✓	
4. Discipline.	✓	
5. Confidentiality.	✓	
6. Health care of children.	✓	
7. Emergency procedures in case a child is injured.	✓	
8. The child's parent or guardian has signed and dated a statement that lists the specific policies covered as verification that the facility provided the required information.	✓	
9. Reasonable and prudent parent standard	✓	

Comments:

Wellfully has written procedures relating to the above requirements.

B. Children attend an on grounds school. ✓

Comments:

The agency employs a teacher to provide for the education needs of the residents. The facility has a classroom to meet the teacher's needs.

C. Case records are maintained and include the following:		
1. Face sheet/application form with identifying information.	✓	
2. Documentation to verify the child meets Residential Treatment eligibility.	✓	
3. Treatment plans developed and signed by the treatment team that includes the child, parent or guardian if appropriate, facility staff working with the child, and placing		

agency staff	✓	
4. Treatment plans are established within fourteen days of placement.	See	Comments
5. Treatment plans are based on assessment of the child's medical, psychological, social, behavioral and developmental needs and strengths, projected length of stay, conditions for discharge with discharge plans to ensure continuity of care and reflect the need for care at the Residential Treatment level.	✓	
6. Treatment plans contain treatment goals with projected time to achieve for the child and their family with an integrated program of therapies, activities and experiences designed to meet the goals.	✓	
7. Treatment plans include conditions for discharge, and discharge plan that includes:		
a. Projected date of discharge;	✓	
b. Responsibilities of provider, child, family and placing agency.	✓	
c. Transitional services to be provided and by whom;	✓	
d. Crisis and emergency plans.	✓	
e. Links with resources and preparation to navigate adult system if 16 or older.	✓	
f. Aftercare services	✓	
g. List of responsible persons; and	✓	
h. Involvement of Tribe in aftercare planning if Native American.	✓	
8. Treatment plan is reviewed at least every 30 days and a progress report sent to placement agency.	✓	
9. Treatment plan is updated every three months to include progress toward achieving goals and amendments to the plan and sent to the placement agency (meets requirement for progress report).	✓	
10. Evidence of application of the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard.	✓	
11. Physical exam (twelve months prior to or thirty days following admission).	✓	
12. Current immunization record.	✓	
13. A signed authorization for medical care at the time of placement.	✓	
14. On-going records of medical/dental/eye/hearing care.	✓	

D. Records are kept in a locked file.	✓	
E. The interstate compact administrator has been contacted before acceptance of an out-of-state child.	NA	

Comments:

Records reviewed contained documentation to support the above requirements, except treatment plans reviewed did not clearly reflect when the treatment plan was established. See corrective action.

11. Medications - 67:42:07:19, 67:42:07:20, 67:42:07:22, 67:42:07:23

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. The facility has written procedures relating to the storage and administration of medication which include:		
1. Conditions under which medications may be given.	✓	
2. Procedures for documenting the administration of medication.	✓	
3. Procedures for immediately notifying the facility's nurse in cases of medication errors or drug reactions. The nurse assesses the situation and determines whether there is a need to report the incident to the attending physician.	✓	
4. Procedures for evaluating and recording each child's reactions to prescribed medication.	✓	
B. A licensed nurse is responsible for administration of medications.	✓	
C. Psychotropic drugs are prescribed by a MD, CNP or PA with ongoing quarterly follow-up.	✓	
D. Medicine is kept in a locked cabinet.	✓	
E. A medication record is kept on each child.	✓	

Comments:

Wellfully written procedures for storage and administration of medications are in compliance with licensing rules. Records reviewed for youth who are prescribed psychotropic medications contained documentation to verify at least quarterly review by the prescribing practitioner of the continual need for medications.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
12. <u>Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI)</u> - 67:42:07:24, 67:42:07:25, 67:42:07:26, 67:42:08:05, 67:42:08:08, 42 CFR 483.358(f)		
A. The facility has a written procedure relating to the use of ESI's that allows for use only to ensure safety of the child or others and by order of a physician or other licensed practitioner.	✓	
B. Use of ESI's is incorporated into the treatment plan.	✓	
C. Placement agency/parent/guardian are informed of policies, give written approval for use of ESI's at the time of admission and		

are notified of use of ESI's as soon as possible.	✓	
D. Only qualified staff give and receive orders and monitor and provide assessments following ESI's.	✓	
E. Trained clinical staff continually monitors children while involved in ESI's.	✓	
F. ESI's do not exceed times allowed in orders.	✓	
G. Required reports are completed following ESI's	✓	
H. Face to face is completed within one hour of the initiation of the ESI by physician, licensed practitioner, registered nurse, or a licensed social work associate who has a bachelor's degree and certification as a trainer in a nationally recognized program of behavioral management and personal restraint.	See	Comments
I. Staff involved in an ESI meets with the child involved to discuss the ESI, and with administrative staff, within 24 hours after use of the ESI.	✓	
J. Medical treatment is provided for a resident injured during an ESI.	NA	
K. Seclusion rooms meet the physical specifications of 67:42:07:25.	✓	

Comments:

Records reviewed contained documentation to support the items above, except two restraints reviewed did not contain documentation of a face-to-face assessment and two were not time stamped within one hour of initiation. See corrective action.

13. <u>Volunteers</u> - 67:42:07:14	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. Have a written job description with specific responsibilities.	N/A	
B. Supervised and evaluated by an experienced staff member.	N/A	
C. Three documented unrelated references.	N/A	
D. Documented orientation.	N/A	
E. Documented in-service training as per 67:42:07:04 if volunteer works thirty plus hours per week.	N/A	
F. Informed of obligation to report suspected CA/N.	N/A	
G. Verification of screening for substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.	N/A	
H. Verification of submission of fingerprints to the DCI.	N/A	
I. Verification of sex offender registry checks.	N/A	

Comments:

Wellfully has written procedures relating to the above required areas that appear to be in compliance with licensing rules. They did not use volunteers in the last year.

14. <u>Physical Facility</u> - 67:42:07:11, 67:42:07:12	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. There is a current fire inspection.	<u>7/22/24</u>	<u> </u>
B. There is a current health inspection.	<u>7/22/24</u>	<u> </u>
C. A fire escape plan is posted.	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
D. A minimum of four fire drills are held annually.	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
E. Children of opposite genders over the age of six have separate sleeping facilities.	<u>NA</u>	<u> </u>
F. Sleeping children are monitored.	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
G. Each child has his own bed with linens, blankets and pillows.	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Comments:

A copy of the current fire/health inspection report is on file in the licensing report. Issues identified were corrected.

15. <u>Nutrition</u> - 67:42:07:13	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
A. Meals are of sufficient quantity to meet children’s nutritional needs.	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
B. Arrangements are made for children with a special prescribed diet.	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Comments:

Staff and residents interviewed reported getting enough food and the meals being good.

16. Recommendations

Wellfully is found to be in substantial compliance with licensing rules for Residential Treatment Centers. See comments regarding Treatment and Emergency Safety Interventions.

It is recommended that a satisfactory license be issued to Wellfully, Inc. to operate a Residential Treatment Center at 22 Waterloo Street, Rapid City, SD to provide care for a maximum of ten female youth age twelve to seventeen years.

Completed By: Kevin Kanta 10/25/24
Kevin Kanta, Program Specialist Date

Date of On-Site Visit: 10/16/24

Program Manager: Muriel J Nelson