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January 14, 2022

Zechariah Hoyt
YMCA of Southwest Michigan, Inc.
905 N. Front St.
Niles, MI 49120

RE: License #: DC110021929
Building Blocks Preschool
3665 Hollywood Rd
Saint Joseph, MI 49085

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

Attached is the Addendum to the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your licensing notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Steger".

Amy Steger, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC110021929
Licensee Name:	YMCA of Southwest Michigan, Inc.
Licensee Address:	905 N. Front St. Niles, MI 49120
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 428-9622
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Zechariah Hoyt, Designee
Name of Facility:	Building Blocks Preschool
Facility Address:	3665 Hollywood Rd Saint Joseph, MI 49085
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 428-9622
Capacity:	150
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. Purpose of Addendum

The program director requested add additional child use space for a GSRP component.

III. Methodology

11/12/2021	Inspection Completed - Fire Safety: A
12/07/2021	Modification request received
12/29/2021	Inspection Completed – Env. Health: A
01/13/2022	Inspection Completed Onsite

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license have been modified on 06/13/2008, 01/25/2013, 11/14/2014, 07/09/2018, and 12/27/2021. The center is located within the Benton Harbor/Saint Joseph YMCA.

The following rooms were previously approved for child use:

- **Community Room** measures 30'x26' providing for a total of 780 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 22 preschool or school-age children.
- **Active Play Area** measures 60'x23' providing for a total of 1,380 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 39 preschool or school-age children.
- **Classroom A** measures 30'x22' providing for a total of 660 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 19 preschool or school-age children.
- **Classroom B** measures 27'x26' providing for a total of 702 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 20 preschool or school-age children.
- **Whirlpool Gym** measures 85'x53' providing for a total of 4,505 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 129 preschool or school-age children. The licensee understands that ratio and group size requirements must be maintained.
- **Hanson Gym (Gymnasium)** measures 46'x88' providing for a total of 88'x46' providing for a total of 4,048 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 116 preschool or school-age children. The licensee understands that ratio and group size requirements must be maintained.

- **Pool Room** measured 105'x56' providing for a total of 5,880 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate the requested capacity of the center. This space was not used to determine capacity.
- **Women's Locker Room** measured 26'x20' providing for a total of 520 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 15 preschool or school-age children. This space was not used to determine capacity.

The following space is being added as approved child use space:

- **GSRP Room** measured 47'x14' providing for a total of 658 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate the requested capacity of 18 preschool children.

The center has sufficient square footage to support the requested capacity of 150 preschool and school-age children.

The children in the center have access to bathrooms throughout the approved child use space. There are two individual bathrooms near the classrooms each containing one toilet and one handwashing sink. Classroom A, Classroom B, and the Community Room each have one handwashing sink. The bathrooms available in the lobby include the women's bathroom containing three toilets and one sink and the men's bathroom containing one toilet, two urinal, and one handwashing sink. The women's locker room contains four toilets and three sinks. The men's locker room contains two toilets, two urinals, and four handwashing sinks. This is a total of 12 toilets, three urinals, and 14 handwashing sinks.

The center has an adequate amount of developmentally appropriate equipment for the number and ages of children served.

The outdoor play area for GSRP and school age children is located behind the facility in an open, grassy softball field. The area is partially fenced. There is a retention pond near the outdoor play area that is completely fenced and inaccessible to children. The children use portable equipment. There are no play structures.

An environmental health inspection was completed on 12/29/2021 and received an "A" rating.

A Fire Safety Inspection was completed on 11/12/2021 and received an "A" rating.

A lead hazard risk assessment is not required. The building was constructed in 1981.

The program directors are Kelly Freye qualified under R 400.8113 (9)(f) and (13) and Ryan Kitron qualified under R 400.8119 (8)(a) and (9).

Terms:

The center is approved for a total capacity of 150 preschool and school age children ages 2 years 6 month through 12 years.

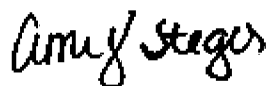
The center provides a swimming component for preschool children. A Public Swimming Pool Inspection Report was completed by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division on 02/23/2021 and was approved for operation.

The center will provide food service for children enrolled in the GSRP program. The food will be catered by JA Foods including breakfast, lunch, and snack. Parents are required to bring food for children enrolled in the preschool and school age programs.

The center does not provide a transportation component.

V. Recommendation

I recommend the approval of additional child use space used for GSRP instruction.



01/14/2022

Amy Steger
Licensing Consultant

Date