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DIRECTOR

February 1, 2022

Taya Baker-Hardacre
Little Bucks Childcare
2925 Mayflower Rd
Niles, MI 49107

RE: Application #: DC110410765
Little Bucks Childcare
324 E Dewey St
Buchanan, MI 49107

Dear Ms. Baker-Hardacre:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and rules. Therefore, an original license with a maximum capacity of 36 is issued.

Please review the attached 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
Child Care Licensing Bureau
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P.O. Box 30664
Lansing, MI 48909
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC110410765
Licensee Name:	Little Bucks Childcare
Licensee Address:	2925 Mayflower Rd Niles, MI 49107
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 362-2184
Licensee/Designee:	Taya Baker-Hardacre, Designee
Name of Facility:	Little Bucks Childcare
Facility Address:	324 E Dewey St Buchanan, MI 49107
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 362-2184
Application Date:	11/02/2021
Capacity:	36
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. METHODOLOGY

10/28/2021	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety : D
11/02/2021	On-Line Enrollment
11/03/2021	Contact - Document Sent Rule & Act booklets; MI Child Care Matters; CC Comprehensive Background Cks; Reimburse ltr & form
11/08/2021	Contact - Document Received 5003 & 001 for Paula (PD)
11/18/2021	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety: A
11/23/2021	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
11/29/2021	Inspection Completed-Lead Hazard Risk Assessment
12/09/2021	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
12/20/2021	Inspection Completed-Lead Hazard Risk Assessment-Approved
01/21/2022	Inspection Completed Onsite
01/26/2022	Inspection Completed Onsite
01/27/2022	Inspection Completed-Env. Health: A

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Description of Facility

This facility is located near downtown Buchanan, MI within Building 324. Building 324 houses numerous businesses with the center being housed in the northeast corner. The center floor plan is broken down into two well-defined spaces for children.

Approved space (room numbers, sizes, capacity and ages of children for which each room/well-defined space is approved, etc.):

The following rooms are approved for child use:

- **Infant Room** measured 27'x18' (play area) + 14'x22' (eating and sleeping) providing for a total of 794 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate the requested capacity of 12 infants and toddlers.
- **Preschool Room** measured 17'x17' + 6'x9' + 24'x18' + 4'x15' + 5'x4' providing for a total of 855 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate 24 preschool children.

The facility has sufficient square footage to support the requested capacity of 36 children.

Equipment:

The facility has the required amount of developmentally appropriate equipment and materials for the ages and capacity requested.

Number of sinks and toilets:

The center has two bathrooms available for child use. One bathroom contains three toilets and two handwashing sinks. The other bathroom contains two toilets and two handwashing sinks. There is one handwashing sink available for child use near the diapering area of the infant and toddler eating and sleeping area. There is an additional bathroom with one toilet and one handwashing sink available for staff use only. Children in the center have access to five toilets and five handwashing sinks exceeding the requirements for the capacity issued.

Outdoor play area - location, fenced or not, water hazards:

The outdoor play area is located directly next to the building and is completely fenced. There are no play structures. The children will use portable play equipment. There are no water hazards present.

Documentation if a lead hazard risk assessment was required and the results:

The building was constructed in 1916. A lead hazard risk assessment was conducted on 11/29/2021 citing lead concerns. The center passed a lead clearance exam on 12/20/2021.

Documentation of playground safety:

There is no climbing equipment or play structures requiring a playground inspection.

B. Program Description

The center will provide care for infants, toddler, and preschool children.

Ages of children served:

Children birth until 5 years will be served.

Proposed days and hours of operation:

Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM throughout the year.

Full or part time (AM or PM sessions or both):

Full time care is offered for children.

Other program components - transportation, swimming, food service:

The center does not offer transportation, swimming, and food service.

Name of program director and under what rules the program director is qualified:

Erin Beck is approved as the program director. She does not currently meet the qualifications of R 400.8113 (7) but has been approved through a variance.

Is there a central administrator that meets the administrative requirement?

No

Explanation of variance(s), if any:

There is an approved variance allowing Erin Beck to serve as program director while she completes course work to qualify under R 400.8113 (7). She will complete an additional 6.5 semester hours of coursework in early childhood education and development and a child care administration course.

C. Rule/Statutory Violations

The center was in full compliance at the time of the onsite inspection.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of an original license to this child care center.

Amy Steger

02/01/2022

Amy Steger
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Yolanda Sims

02/01/2022

Yolanda Sims
Area Manager

Date