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Dominique Charles
Apostolic Lighthouse
30402 M-62
Dowagiac, MI 49047

RE: License #: DC140081284
**Lighthouse Christian Child Care
Apostolic Church
30402 M-62
Dowagiac, MI 49047**

Dear Ms. Charles:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department’s findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your center on 04/19/2022. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.8110	Applicant; licensee; licensee designee; requirements.
	(10) Written approval from the department must be obtained before making any changes in the terms of the license, including but not limited to, adding use space, changing age groups served, changing program components, changing the capacity of the center, or making changes to a room or well-defined space that will result in a change in capacity of the room or well-defined space.
	Written approval from the department was not obtained before allowing children to use the gymnasium.
R 400.8125	Staff; volunteer; requirements.
	(4) A licensee shall have a written policy regarding screening and supervision of staff and volunteers, including volunteers

	who are parents of a child in care. The policy must include a statement that any individual registered on the public sex offender registry (PSOR) is prohibited from having contact with any child in care.
The center did not have a written policy regarding screening and supervision of staff and volunteers.	
R 400.8152	Medication; administrative procedures.
	(5) A child care staff member shall keep all medication out of the reach of children and shall return it to the child's parent or destroy it when the parent determines it is no longer needed or it has expired.
One epi pen was stored at the center that had expired.	
R 400.8170	Outdoor play area.
	(11) The playground equipment, use zones, and surfacing in the outdoor play area must be inspected by a certified playground safety inspector and an approval granted for playground equipment and areas used before issuance of an original license, upon request of the department, and before using any newly added playground equipment. The center shall provide documentation of the inspection to the department upon request and shall keep it on file at the center.
The center added outdoor play equipment without an inspection by a certified playground inspector.	
R 400.8330	Food services and nutrition generally.
	(24) Child care staff members shall foster and facilitate toddlers' independence, language, and social interactions by doing all of the following: (c) Sitting with toddlers during meal times.
The child care staff members were not sitting and eating with toddlers during snack.	

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 05/10/2022. You can use our [corrective action plan](#) form or create your own.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact me. If you do not send a corrective action plan, you may face disciplinary action. The corrective action plan must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, there will be no change to your license status.

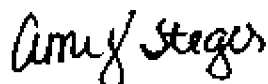
During calendar year 2021:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

You can find a copy of this inspection letter and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when inspection letters are completed can be found under [Overview of Licensing Reports](#).

Please 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 and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,



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