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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:

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

During the renewal inspection on 02/21/2023, I found 13 violations listed below and explained in the attached report: listed below and explained in the attached report:

R 400.8122 (2)(b)	Lead caregiver; qualifications; responsibilities.
R 400.8122 (9)	Lead caregiver; qualifications; responsibilities.
R 400.8125 (5)	Staff; volunteer; requirements.
R 400.8128	Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.
R 400.8134 (4)	Hand washing.
R 400.8143 (1)	Children's records.
R 400.8143 (8)	Children's records.
R 400.8146 (2)	Information provided to parents.
R 400.8161 (7)	Emergency procedures.
R 400.8170 (11)	Emergency procedures.
R 400.8330 (2)	Food services and nutrition generally.
R 400.8345 (4)	Water supply; plumbing.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 03/14/2023. 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, a regular license will be issued. You will receive it in the mail.

During calendar year 2022:	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

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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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #: DC140081284

Licensee Name: Apostolic Lighthouse

Licensee Address: 30402 M-62
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Licensee Telephone #: (269) 782-3885

Licensee/Designee: Dominique Charles, Designee

Name of Facility: Lighthouse Christian Child Care

Facility Address: Apostolic Church
30402 M-62
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Facility Telephone #: (269) 782-1193

Original Issuance Date: 06/08/1998

Capacity: 50

Age Range: Ages Birth Thru 12 years

Program Components: PRESCHOOL
SCHOOL AGE
INFANT/TODDLER
FOOD SERVICE

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-Site Inspection(s): 02/21/2023
 Date of Environmental Health Inspection: Requested
 Date of Fire Safety Inspection: 03/02/2021
 Date of Lead Hazard Risk Assessment, if applicable: N/A – built 1982
 Date of Documentation of Playground Compliance, if applicable: 11/20/2008

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	36	10
No. of staff employed	13	7
No. of volunteers	0	0
No. of children present at time of inspection	23	
No. of staff present at time of inspection	8	
No. of volunteers present at time of inspection	0	
No. of children interviewed/observed	23	
Persons Interviewed:	Licensee/Licensee Designee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Program Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Caregiving staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Approved Child Use Space: The center is located within the Apostolic Church. The center occupies one wing of the church and there are four rooms approved for child use space.

Approved Program Director: Dominique Charles has submitted a request for a variance to R 400.8113 (7)(f) and (9).

Approved Central Administrator: None

Approved Variances: Requested variance to R 400.8113 (7)(f) and (9)

Key Indicator Inspection: No

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

This renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care center administrative rules and statutes. Verification of compliance included direct observations of the physical environment and the program, discussions with staff, and a review of the center’s records, including staff records and children’s records. Staff records include background checks and training information. Children’s records include child information cards, physical examination dates, and immunizations.

During the inspection, the center was found to be in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes except for the following violations:

R 400.8122 Lead caregiver; qualifications; responsibilities.

(2) At least 1 lead caregiver shall be assigned to each group of children in a self-contained or well-defined space and shall be present and providing care in the assigned group in the following manner:

(b) At least 6 hours per day for programs operating 6 or more continuous hours.

The lead caregiver in the infant room is not present and providing care in the assigned group for 6 hours per day.

R 400.8122 Lead caregiver; qualifications; responsibilities.

(9) Verification of the education, credentials, and experience of each lead caregiver shall be kept on file at the center or at MiRegistry.

There was not verification of qualifications for the lead caregivers available for review.

R 400.8125 Staff; volunteer; requirements.

(5) A written statement must be signed and dated by staff and volunteers at the time of hiring or before volunteering indicating all of the following information:

(a) The individual is aware that abuse and neglect of children is against the law.

(b) The individual has been informed of the center's policies on child abuse and neglect.

(c) The individual knows that all staff and volunteers are required by law to immediately report suspected abuse and neglect to children's protective services.

I reviewed seven child care staff member files. Five of seven files did not have a signed and dated written statement regarding abuse and neglect of children.

R 400.8128 Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.

A center shall keep on file at the center evidence to verify that each child care staff member and each volunteer who has contact with children at least 4 hours per week for more than 2 consecutive weeks is free from communicable tuberculosis (TB). Verification of TB status is required within 1 year before employment or volunteering.

Six of seven child care staff member files did not have evidence to verify the individual is free from communicable tuberculosis.

R 400.8134 Hand washing.

(4) Guidelines for hand washing must be posted in food preparation areas, in toilet rooms, and by all hand washing sinks.

The handwashing sinks near the children's cubbies and in one bathroom near the foyer did not have guidelines for hand washing posted.

R 400.8143 Children's records.

(1) At the time of a child's initial attendance, a center shall obtain a child information card, using a form provided by the department or a comparable substitute, that is completed and signed by the child's parent. The center shall keep it on file and accessible in the center.

Ten child files were reviewed. Two children did not have a child information on their file. Eight child information cards were missing information including date of admission, employer information, physician information, allergies, and emergency permission.

R 400.8143 Children's records.

(8) Upon enrollment and annually thereafter, a center shall obtain and keep on file at the center a signed statement from a school-age child's parent confirming all of the following:

- (a) The child is in good health with activity restrictions noted.
- (b) The child's immunizations are up-to-date.
- (c) The immunization record or appropriate waiver is on file with the child's school.

Three of the 10 child files reviewed were school age children. The files did not contain a signed statement from the parent confirming the child's health and immunization status or noting any restrictions.

R 400.8146 Information provided to parents.

(2) Written documentation that the parent received the written information packet, as required by subrule (1) of this rule, must be kept on file at the center.

Seven of 10 child files reviewed did not contain written documentation the parent received the written information packet.

R 400.8161 Emergency procedures.

(7) A written log indicating the date and time of fire and tornado drills must be kept on file at the center.

There were no fire or tornado drill logs available for review at the center.

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.

Residential equipment including a Little Tikes play structure with slides was being used outdoors by children. This equipment does not meet the approval of the Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety.

R 400.8330 Food services and nutrition generally.

(2) A written agreement must be kept on file at the center if the parent has agreed to provide formula, milk, or food. The center shall provide an adequate amount of formula, milk, or food if the parent does not.

The center requires parents provide food for infants. There is not a written agreement that parents have agreed to provide food, milk, or formula and if the parent does not the center will provide an adequate amount.

R 400.8345 Water supply; plumbing.

(4) All plumbing fixtures and water and waste pipes must be properly installed and maintained in good working condition.

One toilet and one urinal are broken and not being maintained in good working condition.

R 400.8365

Heating; temperature.

(2) The indoor temperature must be at least 65 degrees Fahrenheit in child use areas at a point 2 feet above the floor.

The indoor temperature was not at least 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Thermostats in the main room of the center and foyer read 57 degrees Fahrenheit. A thermometer used from a refrigerator read 60 degrees near the kitchen.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care center.

Amy Steger

02/23/2023

Amy Steger
Licensing Consultant

Date