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Angela Mentink
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RE: License # DC380404963
Early Impressions' Little Panthers
3950 Catherine Street
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Dear Ms. Mentink:

This letter is a follow-up to the incident report that you submitted to the department on 8/1/23. I reviewed an incident report. The incident report indicated that on 7/31/23, Child Care Staff Member (CCSM) 1 noticed that Child A (age 5 years, male) had something in his hand and was putting it in his mouth as she approached him. CCSM 1 asked him what it was, and he showed her that it was an empty tampon applicator. She told him to immediately drop the item. Child A would not drop it, so it had to be taken away from him. The tampon applicator did not have anything on it, but it was wet with water from being on the ground. CCSM 2 took Child A to the restroom to wash his hands. CCSM 1 contacted the assistant director and Child A's Mother was contacted right away. Child A's Mother did not pick up early but mentioned that that she was going to take him to the doctor to be checked out.

I spoke with Ms. Mentink, licensee designee on 8/1/23. The incident occurred in the large fenced in play area at the center, which is also part of an active school building. The CCSMs complete a scan of the playground for safety hazards while they are going outside to play. As this item was small, they accidentally missed the item. The CCSMs immediately intervened when they saw Child A holding the item. The item looked clean but was wet from being outside on the wet grass. Child A was taken inside immediately to wash his hands and his mother was contacted. Ms. Mentink stated that she will again review the procedures for searching the playground for safety hazards with the CCSMs.

I spoke with Child A's Mother on 8/1/23. She was aware of the incident. Child A is going through a phase of putting things in his mouth. Child A's Mother does not have any concerns with how the center handled the incident, saying that she was notified quickly. She took Child A for a medical evaluation. No further medical intervention was

deemed necessary. She believes the center was providing appropriate supervision at the time, as they responded quickly to Child A. She understands that even with a safety scan of the playground, that such a small item could accidentally be missed. In addition, Child A “loves” attending the center. She has no concerns regarding the care or supervision of the children.

The following violation was cited as a result of the 07/31/2023 incident.

R 400.8170 Outdoor play area.

(10) An outdoor play area and any equipment located on the center’s premises must be maintained in a safe condition and inspected daily before use to ensure that no hazards are present.

Although the play area is inspected before each use to ensure that no hazards are present, the CCSMs failed to see the empty tampon applicator located on the playground. Child A found the applicator, held it, and placed it in his mouth.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by August 24, 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:

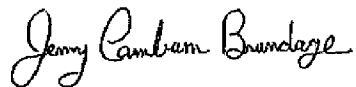
- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance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

You can find a copy of this confirming letter and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when confirming 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 517-262-9717.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,



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08/04/2023

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Date