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August 23, 2022

Allison Houseman
Sowing Seeds Child Care Center, LLC
4107 16 Mile Rd.
Kent City, MI 49330

RE: License #: DC410384855
Sowing Seeds Child Care Center
572 S. State St.
Sparta, MI 49345

Dear Mrs. Houseman:

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 (616) 356-0183.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha Struppa".

Samantha Struppa, 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 #:	DC410384855
Licensee Name:	Sowing Seeds Child Care Center, LLC
Licensee Address:	4107 16 Mile Rd. Kent City, MI 49330
Licensee Telephone #:	(616) 520-3653
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Allison Houseman, Designee
Name of Facility:	Sowing Seeds Child Care Center
Facility Address:	572 S. State St. Sparta, MI 49345
Facility Telephone #:	(616) 383-7077
Capacity:	70
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. Purpose of Addendum

Ms. Houseman submitted a modification request to add in a fenced in outdoor play space located to the side of the center.

III. Methodology

02/23/2022: Modification request received.

02/23/2022: Inspection completed onsite.

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license have been changed on 07/18/2019 and 02/23/2022.

Sowing Seeds Child Care Center is located at 572 S. State Street in Sparta, Michigan. Sowing Seeds is comprised of one main building that has five rooms that are approved for child care space. Rooms are labeled A-E. They operate a tuition based program.

The center has added in a fenced in outdoor playground located to the side of the center. A playground safety inspection was completed and approved on 06/18/2021.

Previously approved rooms include the Forest Room, Water Room, Sunshine Room, gross motor room and the common room.

Sowing Seeds Child Care Center previously expanded the gross motor room and changed it into a toddler classroom that is currently named the Farm Room. Two sinks were added into this classroom. The increase in this space caused a decrease in space and capacity for the Pond Room. The common room is larger.

The ratio and group size in each classroom must be defined by the age of the youngest child present.

- The Forest Room (A) measures 22 feet by 23 feet, 5 feet by 8 feet, and 6 feet by 7 feet for a total of 588 square feet. This will accommodate 16 children aged 2.5 and above. 3

- The Beach Room (formerly known as the Water Room) (B) measures 26 feet by 18 feet, 7 feet by 4 feet, and 17 by 5 feet for a total of 581 square feet and will accommodate 12 infants and toddlers.

- The Pond Room (formerly known as the Sunshine Room) (C) measures 18 feet by 29 feet and 6 feet by 10 feet for a total of 582 square feet and will accommodate 17 children aged 2.5 and above.

- The Farm Room (formerly known as the gross motor room) (D) measures 20 feet by 30 feet for a total of 600 feet. This is adequate space for 12 infants and toddlers or 17 children over 2.5 years as requested.

- The common room (E) measures 18 feet by 13.5 feet and 4 feet by 13.5 feet for a total of 297 square feet and will accommodate 8 children aged 2.5 and over.

The center has a total capacity of 70 children.

There are a total of eight sinks and five toilets throughout the center. This supports the center's capacity.

A fire safety inspection plan review was completed, and the facility received approval on 09/04/2018 and received an A rating. An environmental health inspection was not completed as this was not required per policy.

The building was built after 1978, therefore a lead assessment is not required.

Terms:

The center operates year round, Monday through Friday, from 6:00am to 6:30pm.

The center is approved for a total capacity of 70 children ages birth through 12 years.

The program is approved for food service and provides breakfast, lunch and two snacks.

V. Recommendation

I recommend adding the new outdoor play area for child care use.



08/23/2022

Samantha Struppa
Licensing Consultant

Date