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Jamie Brock  
Early Explorers Childcare & Learning Center, LLC  
5114 N Jefferson Ave  
Midland, MI 48640

RE: License #: DC560410425  
**Early Explorers Childcare & Learning Center**  
**400 Joseph Dr, Suite A**  
**Midland, MI 48642**

Dear Ms. Brock:

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 (517) 284-9730.

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

Sincerely,

*Tania Allard*

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS  
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DC560410425
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Early Explorers Childcare & Learning Center, LLC
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	5114 N Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(989) 259-7579
<b>Administrator/Licensee Designee:</b>	Jamie Brock, Designee
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Early Explorers Childcare & Learning Center
<b>Facility Address:</b>	400 Joseph Dr, Suite A Midland, MI 48642
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(989) 259-7579
<b>Capacity:</b>	120
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE CENTER

## II. Purpose of Addendum

Jamie Brock, licensee designee (LD) submitted a request to modify the license by increasing capacity in the gross motor area/school age room from 11 to 15 children increasing total center capacity from 116 to 120 children.

## III. Methodology

01/30/2023 Contact Document Received – Request to modify license received to increase capacity from in the gross motor area/school age room from 11 to 15 children increasing total center capacity to 120.

01/30/2023 Contact document sent – Email sent to LD regarding receipt of request.

01/31/2023 Onsite Inspection Completed –

## IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

**A. Description of Facility:** Early Explorers Childcare and Learning Center is located on Joseph Drive, between North Jefferson and North Waldo Roads. It is in a newly constructed child care center building that offers full time care for children 0-12 years (Infant-school age, including meals). Early Explorers offers seven rooms that are approved for child care space.

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

The Green Room (4-year-olds) measures 29'11" x 28' or 815 square feet. This room is approved for 23 children 30 months and older. The Green Room has a separate sink inside of the classroom that is used for handwashing.

The Teal Room (3-year-olds) measures 29'11" x 28' or 815 square feet. This room is approved for 23 children 30 months of age and older. The Teal Room has a separate sink used for handwashing inside of the classroom.

The Green Room has an attached bathroom shared with the Teal Room as it is located between the two classrooms. This bathroom has three toilets and two handwashing sinks.

The Blue Room (30 months to 3 years old) measures 24'6" x 28' or 688 square feet. This room is approved for 19 children 30 months and older. The Blue Room has a bathroom inside of the classroom that has one toilet and one handwashing sink. It also has a separate handwashing sink inside of the classroom.

The Orange Room (2-30 months) measures 29' x 28' or 812 square feet. This room meets the capacity for 16 children, 2 months to 30 months of age. The Orange room has a bathroom inside of the classroom that has two toilets and two handwashing sinks. It also has a separate food prep sink inside of the classroom. Diapering will occur in the bathroom and/or in the classroom by the bathroom, as there is another changing table.

The Yellow Room (young infant 0-12 months) measures 7'8" x 24'6", plus 11'8" x 24'6", plus 10'8" x 24'6" for a total of 747.84 square feet. This room is adequate for the requested capacity of 12 children. There are 12 cribs located in the Yellow room in the nap area. There is a separate food prep sink inside of the classroom. There is a changing table outside of the shared bathroom within the classroom.

The Yellow Room has an attached bathroom that is shared with the Salmon Room as it is located between the two rooms. This bathroom has two toilets, one handwashing sink and one changing table. There is a changing table in the classroom by the bathroom and one inside of the bathroom.

The Salmon Room (older infant-12 months – 24 months) measures 7'8" x 24'6", plus 10'8" x 24'6", plus 11'4 x 24'6" for a total of 738 square feet. This room is adequate for the requested capacity of 12 children, age 12 to 24 months. There is a separate food prep sink inside of the classroom.

The gross motor area/school age room measures 24'6" x 21'7" or 533 square feet. When used as a school age classroom, this room is adequate for the requested capacity of 15 children, this is an increase of four children, age 30 months to 12 years. School age students are welcome only when area schools are on breaks or closed for the day. There is a separate adult size bathroom with one toilet and one hand washing sink down the hallway outside by the entrance way.

**Equipment:** There is a variety of equipment that is adequate for the capacity of 120 children, age birth to 12 years.

**Number of sinks and toilets:** There are a total of 13 sinks (10 of those are handwashing sinks) and 9 toilets. This supports the center's capacity.

**Outdoor play area - location, fenced or not, water hazards:** The outdoor play area is located directly behind the center. The area is completely enclosed by a large fence for the older children to use, along with another fenced area inside that fence, for younger children to use. There are no water hazards on the property.

**Documentation if a lead hazard risk assessment was required and the results:** There was no lead hazard risk assessment completed, as this is a newly built center constructed in 2021.

**Documentation of playground safety:** Right now, the center will utilize items such as various balls, ropes, outdoor games, play houses and kitchen as well as a sensory table outdoors until they are able to obtain additional outdoor equipment in the spring. As a result, there was no playground inspection. The playground equipment that was ordered was unable to be delivered or installed. There is still no playground inspection as there is no equipment in the outdoor play area that

requires it. The center is aware that they need a playground inspection completed upon installation of equipment.

**B. Program Description:** Early Explorer Childcare and Learning Center provides a hands-on learning approach to each unique child. The program is flexible and adaptable and includes learning through play and exploration. High Scope Curriculum and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Math) will be used for classroom activities to enhance all areas of development.

**Ages of children served:** The center will service children age birth to 12 years.

**Proposed days and hours of operation:** The proposed days and hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:00am to 6:00pm.

**Full or part time (AM or PM sessions or both):** The center offers full time sessions.

**Other program components - transportation, swimming, food service:** Other program components include food service. The center has a kitchen and meals will be prepared and served on site. An environmental health inspection was completed on 12/13/2021 and received an A rating

**Name of program director and under what rules the program director is qualified:** The program director is Jamie Brock who is qualified under Rule 400.8113(7)(d)(9). Ms. Brock has an Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Is there a central administrator that meets the administrative requirement?**  
There is no central administrator.

**Explanation of variance(s), if any:** There are no variances.

**C. Rule/Statutory Violations:** There are no rule violations.

## V. Recommendation

I recommend an increase in capacity in the gross motor area/school age room from 11 to 15 children which increases total capacity from 116 to 120 children.

*Tania Allard*

02/03/2023

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Tania Allard  
Licensing Consultant

Date

