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December 27, 2021

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

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

Dear Ms. Brock:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and rules. Therefore, an original license with a maximum capacity of 116 is issued.

Please review the attached 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 (989) 732-8062.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gezelle Myers".

Gezelle Myers, Licensing Consultant
Child Care Licensing Bureau
411 East Genesee PO Box 5070
Saginaw, MI 48605
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC560410425
Applicant Name:	Early Explorers Childcare & Learning Center, LLC
Applicant Address:	5114 N Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640
Applicant Telephone #:	(989) 259-7579
Licensee/Designee:	Jamie Brock, Designee
Name of Facility:	Early Explorers Childcare & Learning Center
Facility Address:	400 Joseph Dr, Suite A Midland, MI 48642
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 259-7579
Application Date:	09/03/2021
Capacity:	116
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. METHODOLOGY

09/03/2021	Enrollment
10/18/2021	Contact - Document Received email rec'd regarding potential opening date in Nov
10/18/2021	Contact - Document Sent center check list (Opening)
12/13/2021	Inspection Completed On-site received contingent plan review, inspect building, not completed
12/20/2021	Inspection Completed On-site need staffing plan, CCBC connect, environmental inspections, fire, furnace etc
12/21/2021	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
12/21/2021	Application Complete/On-site Needed
12/21/2021	Contact - Document Received staffing plan
12/21/2021	Inspection Completed-Heating Approved
12/21/2021	Inspection Completed-Water Heater
12/21/2021	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : A
12/21/2021	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance
12/22/2021	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety: A

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & 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 located 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 11 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 116 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.

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.

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. HighScope 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.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend an original license with a capacity of 116, age 0-12 years.

Gezelle Myers

12/27/2021

Gezelle Myers Date
Licensing Consultant

Approved By:

Rose A. Rafferty

12/27/2021

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Area Manager