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Amended Report

March 20, 2023

Lynnmarie Kinkema
Little Blessings Daycare and Preschool, Inc.
3845 Green Road
Lake City, MI 49651

RE: License #: DC570374509
Little Blessings
10540 S Lucas Rd
McBain, MI 49657

Dear Mrs. Kinkema:

Attached is your renewal inspection report. This report has been amended to add the signature of the area manager, division director, and bureau director, modify the recommendation and analysis for a violation, and to fix formatting. 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 1/10/2023, I found 20 violations. The violations are listed below and explained in the attached report:

R 400.8110(14)	Applicant; licensee; licensee designee; requirements.
R 400.8128	Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.
R 400.8131(11)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8131(2)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8131(3)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8131(4)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8131(5)(a-g)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8131(6)(a-h)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8134(3)(a)	Hand washing.

R 400.8137(1)(c)	Diapering; toileting.
R 400.8152 (3)	Medication; administrative procedures.
R 400.8152(5)	Medication; administrative procedures.
R 400.8161(4)	Emergency procedures.
R 400.8164(3)	Telephone service.
R 400.8170(11)	Outdoor play area.
R 400.8176(8)	Sleeping equipment.
R 400.8179(6)	Program.
R 400.8305(2)	Plan review; approval; inspections.
R 400.8320(5)	Food preparation.
R 400.8335(1)	Food services and nutrition; provided by center.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 4/12/2023. 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.

Due to the infant safe sleep violation(s), all of your infant caregivers must take training on infant safe sleep. This must be included in your corrective action plan. In addition, a follow up inspection may be made to check compliance with the infant safe sleep rules.

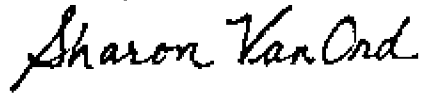
I recommend issuance of a second provisional license. If you accept the provisional license, you must sign and return the enclosed waiver form. If you do not accept the provisional license, you must notify this office in writing and an administrative hearing will be scheduled. Even if you don't accept the provisional license, you must still send us an acceptable corrective action plan.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon VanOrd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'V'.

Sharon VanOrd, Licensing Consultant
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILDCARE LICENSING BUREAU
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC570374509
Licensee Name:	Little Blessings Daycare and Preschool, Inc.
Licensee Address:	10540 S Lucas Rd McBain, MI 49657
Licensee Telephone #:	(231) 388-4260
Licensee/Designee:	Lynnmarie Kinkema, Designee
Name of Facility:	Little Blessings
Facility Address:	10540 S Lucas Rd McBain, MI 49657
Facility Telephone #:	(231) 825-8388
Original Issuance Date:	08/18/2015
Capacity:	90
Age Range:	Ages Birth Thru 12 years
Program Components:	PRESCHOOL SCHOOL AGE INFANT/TODDLER FOOD SERVICE BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-Site Inspection(s):	01/10/2023
Date of Environmental Health Inspection:	12/07/2022 "B"
Date of Fire Safety Inspection:	03/07/2021
Date of Lead Hazard Risk Assessment, if applicable:	08/17/2015
Date of Documentation of Playground Compliance, if applicable:	04/13/2015

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care		112
No. of staff employed		13
No. of volunteers		0
No. of children present at time of inspection		45
No. of staff present at time of inspection		7
No. of volunteers present at time of inspection		0
No. of children interviewed/observed		45
Persons Interviewed:	Licensee/Licensee Designee	☒
	Program Director	☒
	Caregiving staff	☒

Approved Child Use Space: The approved child use space includes the Baby, Farm, Jungle, Dinosaur, Ocean, and Space Rooms
Approved Program Director: Ms. Dezeeuw is the approved program director
Approved Central Administrator: None
Approved Variances: None
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 renewal inspection I observed free choice time, clean up, and transition between activities. Child care staff members engaged with children in care and used appropriate communication skills. The center has a sufficient amount of developmentally appropriate equipment accessible for children to use.

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

R 400.8110	Applicant; licensee; licensee designee; requirements.
	(14) A center shall post a notice in a place accessible and visible to parents, staff, and visitors stating that smoking and vaping are prohibited in the center and on the center's property.
The center does not have a no smoking or vaping sign posted in a place accessible and visible to parents, staff, and visitors.	
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.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure one child staff member was free from communicable tuberculosis prior to working with children.	
R 400.8131	Professional development requirements.
	(11) Verification of all professional development required by this rule must be kept on file at the center or online at MiRegistry. Verification must be issued from the training organization or trainer and include the date of the course, the name of the training organization or trainer, the topic covered, and the number of clock hours. Training hours from MiRegistry also meet this rule.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure verification of all professional development was kept on file at the center or online at MiRegistry.	
R 400.8131	Professional development requirements.
	(2) Child care staff members shall have training that includes information about prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleep practices before caring for infants and toddlers.

Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure three child care staff members completed training on sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleep practices before caring for infants and toddlers.	
R 400.8131	Professional development requirements.
	(3) Before caring for children, all child care staff members and unsupervised volunteers who work directly with children shall be trained on prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment, and recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure eleven child care staff members who work directly with children are trained on prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment, and recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect before caring for children. REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED Licensing Study Report Dated 03/17/2020 Corrective Action Plan Dated 09/30/2020	
R 400.8131	Professional development requirements.
	(4) Before unsupervised contact with children, all child care staff members who work directly with children shall complete prevention and control of infectious disease training, including immunizations.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure six child care staff members who work directly with children complete prevention and control of infectious disease training, including immunizations before unsupervised contact with children.	
R 400.8131	Professional development requirements.
	(5) Within 90 days of being hired, or the first day as an unsupervised volunteer, all child care staff members and unsupervised volunteers who work directly with children shall complete the following trainings, which may count toward annual professional development hours and are available at MiRegistry: (a) Administration of medication. (b) Prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions. (c) Building and physical premises safety. (d) Emergency preparedness and response planning.

	(e) Handling and storage of hazardous materials and appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants. (f) Precautions in transporting children, if applicable. (g) Child development.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure 11 child care staff members completed required training within 90 days of hiring.	
R 400.8131	Professional development requirements.
	(6) All child care staff members who work directly with children shall complete 16 clock hours of professional development annually on topics relevant to job responsibilities that include, but are not limited to, any of the following subjects: (a) Child development and learning. (b) Health, safety, and nutrition. (c) Family and community collaboration. (d) Program management. (e) Teaching and learning. (f) Observation, documentation, and assessment. (g) Interactions and guidance. (h) Child care center administrative rules.
Ms. Kinkema lacked eight clock hours of professional development in 2022.	
R 400.8134	Hand washing.
	(3) Staff and volunteers shall ensure that children wash their hands at all of the following times: (a) Before meals, snacks, or food preparation experiences.
Child care staff members did not ensure children washed their hands prior to eating lunch in the jungle classroom.	
R 400.8137	Diapering; toileting.
	(1) Except as provided in subrule (2) of this rule, diapering must occur in a designated diapering area that complies with all of the following: (c) Has non-absorbent, smooth, easily cleanable surfaces in good repair.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure two pads used for diapering in the infant classroom and toddler classroom were non-	

absorbent. The diapering pads had tears making the pads absorbent and not easily cleanable.	
R 400.8152	Medication; administrative procedures.
	(3) All medication must be in its original container, stored according to instructions, and clearly labeled for a named child, including all nonprescription topical medications described in subrule (8) of this rule.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure epi-pens were labeled for a named child.	
R 400.8152	Medication; administrative procedures.
	(5) A child care staff member shall keep all medication out of the reach of children and shall return it to the child's parent or destroy it when the parent determines it is no longer needed or it has expired.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure all medications were out of the reach of children. Medication was found in children's backpacks in the hallway, accessible to children.	
R 400.8161	Emergency procedures.
	(4) The crisis management plan required by subrule (2) of this rule must be maintained in a place known and easily accessible to all personnel.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure crisis management plans were posted in the toddler and ocean classrooms.	
R 400.8164	Telephone service.
	(3) Emergency phone numbers, including 911, fire, police, and the poison control center, and the facility's physical address and 2 main cross streets, must be conspicuously posted in a place visible to staff.

Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure emergency phone numbers, including 911, fire, police, and the poison control center, and the facility's physical address and 2 main cross streets, were conspicuously posted in each classroom and visible to staff.	
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.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure a swing hanging in the covered porch was inspected by a certified playground safety inspector and approved prior to use.	
R 400.8176	Sleeping equipment.
	(8) Swaddling with a sleep sack swaddle attachment or swaddle wrap is allowed only for infants up to 2 months of age. If a child has a health issue or special need that requires the child use a swaddle attachment or swaddle wrap after the child is 2 months of age, documentation from the health provider is required. The documentation must include specific sleeping instructions and time frames for how long the child needs to sleep in this manner, including an end date.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure an 8-month-old infant was not swaddled. The infant was swaddled using a “star swaddle” which poses an entrapment hazard to the infant.	
R 400.8179	Program.
	(6) A typical daily routine must be posted in a place visible to parents.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure a daily routine was posted in the infant and jungle classrooms.	

R 400.8305	Plan review; approval; inspections.
	(2) An inspection must be conducted by the local health department, and an approval granted indicating compliance with all of the rules in this part, except R 400.8330, 400.8335, and 400.8340, at all of the following times: (c) Every 2 years, at the time of renewal, if the center provides food service where the food is prepared and served on-site, unless the kitchen is currently licensed to provide food service.
An environmental health inspection was completed on 12/07/2022; however, it received a “B” rating due to the high levels of nitrates in the water indicating noncompliance. Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw are working with Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and are waiting for test results indicating safe levels and compliance. Ms. Kinkema and Ms. Dezeeuw have been following sanitarian’s requirement of bottled water for human consumption until the water is in compliance. REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED Licensing Study Report Dated 03/17/2020 Corrective Action Plan Dated 09/30/2020	
R 400.8320	Food preparation.
	(5) Ready to eat foods must not be prepared or served using bare hands.
Staff in the jungle and ocean classrooms did not use gloves during lunch service. Staff touched the food with bare hands.	
R 400.8335	Food services and nutrition; provided by center.
	(1) Food and beverages provided by a center must be of sufficient quantity and nutritional quality to provide for the dietary needs of each child according to the minimum meal requirements of the child and adult care food program (CACFP), as administered by the Michigan department of education, based on 7 CFR part 226, 1-1-18 edition, (2018) of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, CACFP, and is hereby adopted by reference. A copy can be obtained at no cost from CACFP at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meals-and-snacks. In addition, a copy is available for inspection and distribution at no cost at the

	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems, Child care Division, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933.
Licensee designee Ms. Kinkema and program director Ms. Dezeeuw did not ensure a sufficient amount of snack was served. One component was served with water. CACFP requires two components to be served.	
Technical assistance was provided for the following: • In the infant room a play yard was observed to have balls inside. Staff stated the infants used it as a ball pit. Play yards are not allowed to be used at a center. Equipment must be used according to manufacturer's guidelines. • The first aid kit lacked tweezers and scissors. Medication was removed and is prohibited from being in the first aid kit. • Outdoor equipment that has cracks must be disposed of. • Infant swings and other equipment with a raised surface that have not been inspected and approved by a certified playground inspector must be removed. • Raise the disinfectant in the bathroom to a shelf inaccessible to children. • Toilet training seats/rings that show wear and tears must be disposed of. • Add diapering procedures in the bathroom. • Ensure each parent signs documentation for receipt of handbook. • Licensee designee and program director did not ensure staff completed the Health and Safety Refresher courses. In 2021 one staff member did not complete the course and in 2022 two child care staff members did not complete the course.	

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, an updated/complete staffing plan, and documentation of compliant nitrate levels, I recommend issuance of a 2nd provisional license to this child care center to include increased monitoring with unannounced inspections.

Sharon VanOrd

03/20/2023

Sharon VanOrd
Licensing Consultant

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