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Judith Meerschaert
Gateway Montessori House Inc
300 Willits St
Birmingham, MI 48009

RE: License #: DC630016711
Gateway Montessori School
300 Willits Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Ms. Meerschaert:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your center on 08/11/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.8112 Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.

(2) An applicant or licensee shall do all of the following:

(b) Maintain a copy of the completed and signed form or forms for each individual entered into the child care background check system under the license.

On 8/11/2023, Ms. Meerschaert was able to show me that only three of the 22 staff had consent forms.

REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED
LSR dated 6/7/2022
CAP dated 6/7/2022

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 perweek 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.

On 8/11/2023, Ms. Meerschaert stated she was in the process of collecting the staff TB test results. She thought she had some on file, but renovations to the office made her files difficult to navigate.

REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

LSR dated 6/7/2022

CAP dated 6/7/2022

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.

On 8/11/2023, it was difficult to tell which staff had completed which trainings. Ms. Meerschaert did not have access to the organizational profile in MIRegistry to update it with current staff and trainings. She showed me some past years training logs that did not have verification of training attached to them. She stated staff are responsible to get their own hours of training on top of the required health and safety trainings. She will work with Great Start to Quality to access the organizations profile and to update the staff and their trainings.

REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

LSR dated 6/7/2022, 10/29/2020

CAP dated 6/7/2022, 10/29/2020

R 400.8380 Maintenance of premises.

(4) Floors, interior walls, and ceilings must be kept in sound condition, good repair, and maintained in a clean condition.

On 8/11/2023, the infant room had a water damaged ceiling tile over the food prep counter/sink area.

REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

LSR dated 6/7/2022

CAP dated 6/7/2022

R 400.8510 Plans and specifications; submission; approval; inspections.

(6) Fuel-fired water heaters shall be inspected by a licensed mechanical contractor or a licensed plumbing contractor before issuance of an original license and every 2 years at renewal.

On 8/11/2023, the last water heater inspection Ms. Meerschaert could locate was dated 11/5/2020.

REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

LSR dated 6/7/2022

CAP dated 6/7/2022

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 9/3/2023. 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.

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, there will be no change to your license status.

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

You can find a copy of this inspection letter and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when inspection 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) 284-9730.

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

Sincerely,



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