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June 7, 2022

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

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

Dear Ms. Meerschaert,

Attached is your renewal inspection report. 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 6/7/2022, I found 10 violations. The violations are listed below and explained in the attached report.

R 400.8112(2)(b)	Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.
R 400.8128	Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.
R 400.8131(6)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8131(10)	Professional development requirements.
R 400.8143(6)	Children's records.
R 400.8152(5)	Medication; administrative procedures.
R 400.8161(2)(g)	Emergency procedures.
R 400.8380(4)	Maintenance of premises.
R 400.8510(4)	Plans and specifications; submission; approval; inspections.
R 400.8510(6)	Plans and specifications; submission; approval; inspections.

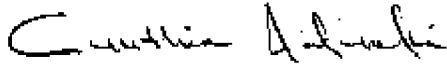
You provided an acceptable written corrective action plan. We will send you a regular license in the mail.

<b>During calendar year 2021:</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	<b>0</b>
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	<b>0</b>
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	<b>0</b>

Please contact me with any questions. If I am unavailable and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the central 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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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU  
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

**License #:** DC630016711

**Licensee Name:** Gateway Montessori House Inc

**Licensee Address:** 300 Willits Street  
Birmingham, MI 48009

**Licensee Telephone #:** (248) 645-6393

**Licensee/Designee:** Judith Meerschaert, Designee

**Name of Facility:** Gateway Montessori School

**Facility Address:** 300 Willits Street  
Birmingham, MI 48009

**Facility Telephone #:** (248) 645-6393

**Original Issuance Date:**

**Capacity:** 86

**Age Range:** Birth to 6 years

**Program Components:** PRESCHOOL  
SCHOOL AGE  
INFANT/TODDLER

**II. METHODS OF INSPECTION**

Date of On-Site Inspection(s): 06/07/2022  
 Date of Environmental Health Inspection: N/A  
 Date of Fire Safety Inspection: 11/20/2020  
 Date of Lead Hazard Risk Assessment, if applicable: 02/24/2017  
 Date of Documentation of Playground Compliance, if applicable: 09/13/2017

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	55	10
No. of staff employed	17	5
No. of volunteers	0	0
No. of children present at time of inspection	52	
No. of staff present at time of inspection	15	
No. of volunteers present at time of inspection	0	
No. of children interviewed/observed	52	
Persons Interviewed:		
Licensee/Licensee Designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Program Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Caregiving staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Approved Child Use Space: Infant Room, Toddler 1, 2, and 3 on the lower level, and Primary 1, 2, and 3 and a common area on the second level.  
 Approved Program Director: Judith Meerschaert  
 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 inspection, the center was found to be in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes except for the following violations:

**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.**

There were no consent and disclosure forms on file for any of the child care staff members (CCSMs).

**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.**

There was no tuberculosis verification on file for nine of the 17 CCSMs.

**R 400.8131                    Professional development requirements.**

(10) All child care staff members who work directly with children are required to be trained in first aid and pediatric, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) within 90 days of being hired. Prior to issuing a license to operate a child care center, and prior to the renewal of a license, the department shall verify that at least 50% of the child care staff members who work directly with children are currently certified in first aid and pediatric, child, and adult CPR. Each of these child care staff member's first aid and CPR certificates must be valid and retained on file in the center.

Two staff members (D.B. and H.P.) had not completed CPR and first aid within 90 days of hire.

**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.

There was no documentation to verify that any of the staff members had completed In 2021 with the exception of two clock-hours of training in CPR and first aid.

**R 400.8143 Children's records.**

(6) Within 30 days of a child's initial attendance, a center shall obtain, keep on file, and make accessible in the center a record of a physical evaluation of the child that notes any restrictions and is signed by a physician or the physician's designee. An electronic record from a physician's office will be accepted. The physical evaluation must be performed within 1 of the following time limits:

- (a) For an infant, within the preceding 3 months.
- (b) For toddlers, within the preceding 6 months.
- (c) For preschoolers, within the preceding 12 months.

In a sample of ten records, three children did not have a physical evaluation on file.

**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.

Two medications in the Primary 3—one oral, over-the-counter medication, and one prescribed epinephrine injection, had expired.

**R 400.8161 Emergency procedures.**

(2) The written procedures must include all of the following:  
(g) A plan for how infants and toddlers will be accommodated during each type of emergency.

There was no plan to address how infants and toddlers would be accommodated in emergencies.

**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.

- A. Ceiling tiles had water stains in Toddler 1.
- B. Damage was observed to interior walls located outside of the toddler bathrooms on the lower level.

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

(4) If a boiler is used, then it shall be inspected, and a certificate provided, as required by the boiler division, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

There was no boiler certificate available as of the inspection date.

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

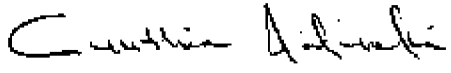
(6) Fuel-fired water heaters shall be inspected by a licensed mechanical contractor or a licensed plumbing contractor before issuance of an original license and every 2 years at renewal.

There was no evidence that the fuel-fired water heater had been inspected during the past two years.

A corrective action plan was requested and approved on 06/07/2022. It is expected that the corrective action plan be implemented within the specified time frames as outlined in the approved plan. A follow-up evaluation may be made to verify compliance. Should the corrections not be implemented in the specified time, it may be necessary to reevaluate the status of your license.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend renewing the license for two years.



6/7/22

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Licensing Consultant

Date