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May 17, 2022

Mollie Blixt
Smart Start of Jenison, LLC
7763 Cottonwood Drive
Jenison, MI 49428

RE: Application #: DC700412499
The Learning Experience
7763 Cottonwood Drive
Jenison, MI 49428

Dear Ms. Blixt:

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 163 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 (616) 356-0183.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Arens".

Rachel Arens, Licensing Consultant
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC700412499
Applicant Name:	Smart Start of Jenison, LLC
Applicant Address:	7763 Cottonwood Drive Jenison, MI 49428
Applicant Telephone #:	(248) 550-5165
Licensee/Designee:	Mollie Blixt, Designee
Name of Facility:	The Learning Experience
Facility Address:	7763 Cottonwood Drive Jenison, MI 49428
Facility Telephone #:	(248) 550-5165
Application Date:	04/18/2022
Capacity:	163
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. METHODOLOGY

04/18/2022	Enrollment
03/25/2022	Inspection Completed – Fire Safety: A
05/01/2022	Contact – Document Received Playground Inspection.
05/09/2022	Inspection Completed-Env. Health: A
05/12/2022	Inspection Completed On-site
05/12/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Description of Facility

The Learning Experience is located in Jenison MI, north of Baldwin Ave and off of Cottonwood Drive. The licensed program offers infant toddler, preschool, school age, and before and after school care.

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

The licensed program is housed in a new building designed for purpose, with nine classrooms.

Room 135 is uniquely shaped and measures approximately 20ft x 23 ft and 17ft x 11ft for a total of 647 square feet. The total space is sufficient for an overall capacity of 12 children, aged 2.5 years and below.

Room 132 measures approximately 31ft x 20ft for a total of 620 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 12 children, aged 2.5 years and below.

Room 127 measures approximately 22ft x 28ft for a total of 616 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 12 children, aged 2.5 years and below.

Room 117 is uniquely shaped and measures approximately 30ft x 19ft and 9ft x 9ft for a total of 651 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 13 children, aged 2.5 years and below, or 19 children aged over 2.5 years.

Rooms 135, 132, 127 and 117 are all sufficiently equipped for infant/toddler care. They have 3 sinks each, diapering stations, refrigerators for bottles, and emergency exits directly to grade for crib evacuation. Ms. Blixt, licensee designee and program director, would like the rooms to be generally approved for this age range, so that in the future

they can move the age ranges between these rooms without needing a modification. She understands that the number of infants being cared for at any given time is dependent on the number of cribs available.

Room 125 will be used as a gross motor room, and as a room for before and after school care. It measures approximately 39ft x 22ft for a total of 858 square feet. This is sufficient space for 17 children, aged 2.5 years and below, or 25 children, aged over 2.5 years. Group sizes are limited at 12 when children under 2.5 years are present, and 16 for preschool children up to 3 years of age. Staff to child ratio and capacity are determined by the youngest child present.

Room 120 measures approximately 23ft x 39ft for a total of 897 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 25 children, aged over 2.5 years.

Room 109 is uniquely shaped and measures approximately 17ft x 24ft and 14ft x 14ft for a total of 604 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 17 children, aged over 2.5 years.

Room 119 is uniquely shaped and measures approximately 20ft x 17ft and 21ft x 17ft for a total of 697 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 20 children, aged over 2.5 years.

Room 113 measures approximately 30ft x 24ft for a total of 720 square feet. This is sufficient for an overall capacity of 21 children, aged over 2.5 years.

The total center capacity is 163 children, birth through 12 years of age.

Equipment: There is an adequate supply of developmentally appropriate equipment and supplies for the preschool program. The infant and toddler rooms are equipped with enough cribs and mats for their capacities.

Number of sinks and toilets: There are 18 sinks and 11 toilets available for children to use. This supports the overall capacity of 163 children.

Outdoor play area - location, fenced or not, water hazards: There are two outdoor play areas which are fully fenced. Both have shaded areas, picnic tables for children's use, and climbers which have been installed and inspected by a certified playground safety inspector. The infant/toddler playground has a grassy area, and the preschool playground has rubber surfacing.

Documentation if a lead hazard risk assessment was required and the results: The building was built in 2022; therefore, a lead hazard risk assessment was not required.

Documentation of playground safety: On May 2, 2022, a playground safety inspection was completed, approving the climbing equipment.

B. Program Description

Ages of children served: This facility accepts children aged 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

Proposed days and hours of operation: This facility will operate Monday through Friday from 6:30am – 6:30pm.

Full or part time (AM or PM sessions or both): The licensed program offers full and part time care.

Other program components - transportation, swimming, food service: This facility does not provide transportation or swimming. They will be providing food service.

Name of program director and under what rules the program director is qualified: Mollie Blixt is the center's program director, and she qualifies under R 400.8113(7)(a) & (9).

Is there a central administrator that meets the administrative requirement? N/A

Explanation of variance(s), if any: There are no variances granted for this facility.

C. Rule/Statutory Violations

This facility is in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of an original license to this child care center.



05/17/2022

Rachel Arens
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



05/17/2022

Katrice Sweet
Area Manager

Date