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Lori Tedford
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RE: License #: DC720404740
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
179 CLOVER LEAF LANE
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Dear Mrs. Tedford:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your center on 02/24/2022. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

When I arrived for the interim inspection, seven infants/toddlers were in room 2 with two caregivers. Infants were engaged on the floor engaged with toys. In room 3 nine children were reading books with two caregivers. Shortly after my arrival, four children arrived for after-school care.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.8110 Applicant; licensee; licensee designee; requirements.

(10) Written approval from the department must be obtained before making any changes in the terms of the license, including but not limited to, adding use space, changing age groups served, changing program components, changing the capacity of the center, or making changes to a room or well-defined space that will result in a change in capacity of the room or well-defined space.

During the inspection, Ms. Tedford stated room 9, which is approved space for school age children has not been used. When children in care arrive from elementary school, if there are too many for the capacity in room 3, children wait in

the cafeteria until enough children exit the building with parents ensuring capacity is not exceeded in room 3. The cafeteria is not approved space.

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.

During the inspection, the changing pad in room 2 used for diapering had multiple tears and was discolored. With tears, the pad is absorbent and prevents it from being easily cleanable.

R 400.8176 Sleeping equipment.

(13) Soft objects, bumper pads, stuffed toys, blankets, quilts, comforters, and other objects that could smother a child must not be placed in, or within reach of, a crib or porta-crib with a resting or sleeping infant.

During the inspection, one crib had a Fisher Price ocean attached to the inside. A second crib had the mechanism attached to the inside. Objects are prohibited from being in or within the crib and poses a hazard to infants.

R 400.8185 Primary care.

(2) The center shall implement a primary care system so that each infant and toddler has a primary caregiver.

The center does not implement a primary care system for the infants and toddlers in care that meets compliance. One child care staff member employed since November 2019 is not assigned any infant/toddler. Ms. Tedford stated she has not had time to add the child care staff member to the primary care list.

R 400.8310 Food preparation areas.

(7) Live animals are prohibited in food preparation and eating areas.

During the inspection a dog was observed to be in room 3 with children. The dog is present during the day while children are eating snacks and lunch. Cupcakes were observed to be about three feet from the dog. Live animals are prohibited in food preparation and eating areas.

R 400.8380

Maintenance of premises.

(1) The premises must be maintained in a clean and safe condition and must not pose a threat to health or safety.

Room 3, approved for school-age children was observed to be extremely cluttered and used for storage. Large plastic bags, a crib, opened Chef Boyardee can with sharp edges on the lid, supplies, and extra toys were strewn about. This approved room poses a threat to the health and safety of the children. The room is not approved for storage.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 04/01/2022. 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.

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

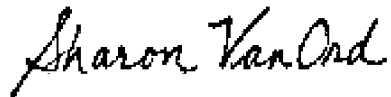
During calendar year 2021:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon VanOrd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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