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Lori Tedford
JH And JA Investments
179 Clover Leaf Lane
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

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

Dear Ms. Tedford:

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 01/13/2023, I found eight violation(s) listed below and explained in the attached report:

- R400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements.
- R400.8134(3)(a) Hand washing.
- R400.8134(4) Hand washing.
- R400.8176(16) Sleeping equipment.
- R400.8315(3) Food and equipment storage.
- R400.8325(1) Sanitization.
- R400.8325(6) Sanitization.
- R400.8380(1) Maintenance of premises.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by **02/15/2023**. 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.

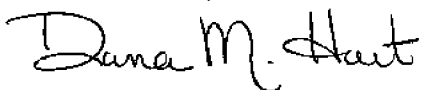
Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, a regular license will be issued. You will receive it in the mail.

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,



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Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC720404740
Licensee Name:	JH And JA Investments
Licensee Address:	1005 S. Wight St St. Johns, MI 48879
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 202-4177
Licensee/Designee:	Lori Tedford, Designee
Name of Facility:	BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
Facility Address:	179 CLOVER LEAF LANE Houghton Lake, MI 48629
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 422-2099
Original Issuance Date:	07/15/2020
Capacity:	32
Age Range:	Ages Birth Thru 12 years
Program Components:	PRESCHOOL SCHOOL AGE INFANT/TODDLER

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-Site Inspection(s): 01/13/2023
 Date of Environmental Health Inspection: 12/19/2022
 Date of Fire Safety Inspection: 11/28/2022
 Date of Lead Hazard Risk Assessment, if applicable: N/A
 Date of Documentation of Playground Compliance, if applicable: N/A

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	20	10
No. of staff employed	7	5
No. of volunteers	0	0
No. of children present at time of inspection	11	
No. of staff present at time of inspection	3	
No. of volunteers present at time of inspection	0	
No. of children interviewed/observed	11	
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: Classroom #2 (Infants/Toddlers), Classroom #3 (Preschool) and Classroom #9(School-age).
 Approved Program Director: Ms. Lori Tedford.
 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.

When I arrived in Classroom #3 (Preschool) lead caregiver Ms. Lori Tedford was present; along with seven children in attendance. During the classroom visit, I was able to observe free play, handwashing, outdoor play, transitioning, lunch and rest time.

When I arrived in Classroom #2 (Infants/Toddlers) lead caregiver Ms. Brandy Hilliker was present; along with child care staff member Ms. Haylie Murringer. There were four infants/toddlers in attendance. During the classroom visit, I was able to observe, free play, handwashing, diapering, outdoor play, lunch and rest time.

Classroom #9 (School-age) was not being used at the time of the on-site visit. Ms. Tedford stated that the school-age children use Classroom #3 (Preschool) when in attendance.

All of the child care staff members worked well together and had a good rapport with one another, as well as, with the children in care. The children appeared happy and comfortable within their care.

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

R 400.8125 Staff; volunteer; requirements.

(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

Child care staff members did not provide appropriate care and supervision of the children at all times. The following was observed:

- Two children from Classroom #3 (Preschool) were observed in the hallway without adult supervision. One child was in the hallway, with the classroom door partially shut blocking Ms. Tedford's line of vision, for approximately 1-2 minutes. The child returned to the hallway, by herself, two more times. The other child left the classroom and went out in the hallway to place something inside his backpack for approximately 20 seconds.
- Two children in Classroom #3 (Preschool) were observed going into the classroom bathroom by themselves and shutting the door. Ms. Tedford was unaware that there were two children in the bathroom at one time with the door shut and out of her line of vision.
- While Ms. Tedford was assisting a child in the bathroom in Classroom #3 (Preschool) she was unable to see a child leave the classroom and walk out into the hallway.
- In Classroom #3 (Preschool) while Ms. Tedford was preparing lunch and Ms. Haylie Murringer was assisting the children at the tables with getting ready for lunch, one child was observed walking out of the classroom and into the hallway. The child care staff members were unaware that a child had left the classroom.

The center shares the building with the local school district. There are offices within close proximity of the classroom and at least three adults, who are not child care staff members, were seen being present in the building and in the hallways that are shared with the classrooms.

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.

In Classroom #3 (Preschool) child care children were observed washing their hands prior to eating lunch; however, not all children went directly to the tables after washing their hands. After washing their hands, one child was observed carrying the large garbage container from one side of the room to the other and two children were observed walking over to the dramatic play area and playing with the toys. These children then went to the tables where they began eating their lunch.

R 400.8134 Hand washing.

(4) Guidelines for hand washing must be posted in food preparation areas, in toilet rooms, and by all hand washing sinks.

There were no hand washing guidelines posted at the classroom sink in Classroom #3 (Preschool). The handwashing guidelines posted in Classroom #2 (Infants/Toddlers) were not developmentally appropriate for the infants and toddlers to understand.

R 400.8176 Sleeping equipment.

(16) All sleeping equipment and bedding must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized when soiled, between uses by different children, and at least once a week regardless of use by different children.

The cots in Room #3 (Preschool) are not being washed, rinsed and sanitized.

R 400.8315 Food and equipment storage.

(3) Unpackaged bulk foods must be stored in clean covered containers, dated, and labeled as to the contents.

The following food items were found open and were not placed in a clean covered container that was dated or labeled:

- a container of Jif peanut butter.
- a container of Goldfish crackers.
- a box of Captain Crunch cereal.
- a box of Cheerios.
- a package of Veggie Straws.
- a sleeve of crackers.

R 400.8325 Sanitization.

(1) All tableware, utensils, food contact surfaces, and food service equipment must be thoroughly washed, rinsed, and sanitized after each use. Multi-purpose tables must be thoroughly washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after they are used for meals or snacks.

Child care staff members were observed using a cloth when washing and rinsing the tables. Due to the cloth being used over and over throughout the process, it did not provide a washed, rinsed and sanitized surface.

R 400.8325 Sanitization.

(6) Sponges must not be used in a food service operation.

Child care staff members were observed using and reusing a cloth when washing and rinsing the tables. A cloth is equivalent to a sponge.

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.

The following items were found within the reach of child care children:

- 1 box of parchment paper with the serrated edge.
- bubble wrap.
- three cans of shaving cream.
- seven containers of paint.
- one box of glow-in-the-dark paint.
- beads/tacks/batteries/coins in the teacher's desk drawers.
- Oral gel, Crest toothpaste, Neosporin, antiseptic towelettes, and lip balm.

The following maintenance items were found:

- Various classroom equipment sitting in the weeds outside of the exit doors that the children go in and out of when accessing the outdoor play area.
- The light fixture in Classroom #2 (Infant/Toddlers) was extremely dim and had several bugs inside the light cover.

Technical assistance and consultation were provided to licensee designee/program director Ms. Lori Tedford in the following areas:

- **R400.8122(9) Lead caregiver; qualifications; responsibilities.** Verification of the education, credentials, and experience of each lead caregiver shall be kept on file at the center or at MiRegistry. This includes the hours of experience.
- **R400.8143(1) Children's records.** Ensure that parents are completing the employer's telephone number on the child information cards.
- **R400.8137(4) Diapering; toileting.** Ensure that the lid to the diaper pail is kept closed at all times.
- **R400.8161(2)(a-h) Emergency procedures.** Ensure that all emergency plans include the required components.
- **R400.8176(17)(b) Sleeping equipment.** Ensure that blankets are not touching other blankets when being stored.
- **First Aid Kit:** include a pair of tweezers and elastic bandage.
- **R400.8520(14) Interior finishes.** Decorations suspended from or near the ceiling are prohibited.
- **R400.8103(a) Definitions; S through Z.** "Sanitized" means to wipe or spray the surface with a sanitizing solution; let the surface air dry or wipe dry after 2

minutes with a single service towel, or according to the manufacturer's directions.

- **R400.8330(5) Food services and nutrition generally.** A center shall provide adequate staff so that food service activities do not detract from direct care and supervision of children.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care center.

Dana M. Hart
Licensing Consultant

Date