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Mary Gray  
 5054 Caro Road  
 Vassar, MI 48768

RE: License #: DC790385685

RE: SI LOG #: **Growing Hearts Child Care Center**  
**767 N. State Street**  
**Caro, MI 48723**

Dear Mary Gray:

This letter is to advise you that the 09/14/2022 corrective action plan you submitted, regarding each rule violation cited in the recently completed Renewal Licensing Study Report, is approved.

You can find a copy of this corrective action approval letter and the associated report on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of each type of report and corrective action plans can be found under [Overview of Licensing Reports](#).

Violation cited	Noncompliance observed	Plan to correct	Date to be completed
R 400.8128 Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.	At the time of the onsite inspection, the center did not have evidence that child care staff member Ian McLellan who had worked at least 4 hours per week for more than 2 consecutive weeks is free from communicable tuberculosis (TB).	Mr. McLellan will be tested for TB ASAP and the results will be kept in his file.	09/19/2022
R 400.8143(7)(a) Children's records.	Three of the 10 children's records that I reviewed did not have an updated	Program director now understands the requirements and will check files quarterly to	09/28/2022

	physical evaluation for infants and toddlers.	make sure the records are up to date.	
R 400.8143(7)(b) Children's records.	Four of the 10 children's records that I reviewed did not have an updated physical evaluation for preschoolers.	Program director now understands the requirements and will check files quarterly to make sure the records are up to date.	09/28/2022
R 400.8315(1) Food and equipment storage.	The refrigerator in the preschool room did not have a thermometer.	The center will place a thermometer in the refrigerator and get back-ups in case one goes missing.	09/15/2022
R 400.8170(11) Outdoor play area.	The center added a large swing set and did not have the playground inspected and approved by a certified playground safety inspector.	The center understands that an inspection should have been completed for the new equipment; they will get an inspection and send the form into the department. The center will not use any equipment until inspected.	10/14/2022
R 400.8170(13) Outdoor play area.	The playground had a large set of swings, a ladder for climbing hanging from a tree, and a climber with an elevated surface and no shock absorbing surface meeting the guidelines defined by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety.	The center understands that ground cover is required and will have some added to the playground.	10/14/2022
R 400.8340(3) Food services and nutrition; provided by parents.	I observed that not all items in the refrigerators in the infant, toddler, and preschool rooms were labeled with the child's first and last name and the date.	Staff will take over the responsibility of labeling the items brought from home with the child's first and last name and the date.	09/15/2022
R 400.8380(5) Maintenance of premises.	The front porch of the entrance that families use had extensive flaking paint that is accessible to children.	The peeling paint will be sanded and re-painted.	10/14/2022

R 400.8375(2)(b) Premises.	The hand rail for the porch of the entrance that families use was broken.	The hand rail will be repaired.	10/14/2022
R 400.8143(13) Children's records.	The center was on a walking field trip when I arrived for the onsite inspection; the center did not notify parents of this walking field trip.	The center will send text messages to the parents before field trips.	09/15/2022

It is expected that the corrective action plan will be implemented within the time frames as outlined in your 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.

The office provides technical assistance to meet the licensing requirements and consultation to improve services. Please contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, you may contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,



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