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Mary Gray
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RE: License #: DC790385685
Growing Hearts Child Care Center
767 N. State Street
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Mary Gray:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your center on 08/02/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.8112 Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.

- (2) An applicant or licensee shall do all of the following:
 - (f) Immediately disconnect each individual from the system once he or she is no longer a licensee, licensee designee, child care staff member, child care aide, or an unsupervised volunteer under the license.

At the time of the onsite inspection, two previously employed child care staff members were not disconnected from the Michigan Child Care Background Check system.

R 400.8143 Children's records.

- (8) Upon enrollment and annually thereafter, a center shall obtain and keep on file at the center a signed statement from a school-age child's parent confirming all of the following:

- (a) The child is in good health with activity restrictions noted.
- (b) The child's immunizations are up to date.
- (c) The immunization record or appropriate waiver is on file with the child's school.

One of the 10 children's records that I reviewed did not have the above statement updated annually.

R 400.8170 Outdoor play area.

(11) The playground equipment, use zones, and surfacing in the outdoor play area must be inspected by a certified playground safety inspector and an approval granted for playground equipment and areas used before issuance of an original license, upon request of the department, and before using any newly added playground equipment. The center shall provide documentation of the inspection to the department upon request and shall keep it on file at the center.

The center did not have a playground inspection after adding new equipment.

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R 400.8340 Food services and nutrition; provided by parents.

(3) Breast milk, formula, milk, other beverages, and food furnished in a same-day supply must be covered and labeled with the child's first and last name and the date.

Beverage containers and lunch bags in the both the toddler room and school-age room refrigerators were not labeled with the child's first and last name and/or the date.

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R 400.8380 Maintenance of premises.

(5) There must be no flaking or deteriorating paint on interior and exterior surfaces or on equipment accessible to children.

Areas of the walls in all of the rooms and the front porch had flaking paint accessible to children.

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R 400.8545 Fire extinguishers.

(3) Fire extinguishers shall be properly mounted, inspected, and maintained in accordance with NFPA-10. The fire extinguisher shall bear a tag indicating the last date of inspection or service and the initials of the person who performed the inspection or service.

At the time of the inspection, the fire extinguishers had not been serviced since March of 2022.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 08/23/2023. 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.
- Statement that the playground will not be used until a passing inspection is obtained.
- 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, there will be no change to your license status.

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

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, appearing to read "Juli Gohl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

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