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September 16, 2022

Mary Gray  
5054 Caro Road  
Vassar, MI 48768

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

Dear Ms. Gray:

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 9/14/2022, I found 10 violations. The violations are listed below and explained in the attached report:

- R 400.8128                      Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.
- R 400.8143(7)(a)              Children's records.
- R 400.8143(7)(b)              Children's records.
- R 400.8315(1)                  Food and equipment storage.
- R 400.8170(11)                Outdoor play area.
- R 400.8170(13)                Outdoor play area.
- R 400.8340(3)                 Food services and nutrition; provided by parents.
- R 400.8380(5)                 Maintenance of premises.
- R 400.8375(2)(b)              Premises.
- R 400.8143(13)                Children's records.

You gave us an acceptable written corrective action plan. We will send you a regular license in the mail.

<b>During calendar year 2021:</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	<b>0</b>

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**

<b>License #:</b>	DC790385685
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Mary Gray
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	5054 Caro Road Vassar, MI 48768
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(989) 670-7344
<b>Licensee/Designee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Growing Hearts Child Care Center
<b>Facility Address:</b>	767 N. State Street Caro, MI 48723
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(989) 286-3313
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	09/07/2017
<b>Capacity:</b>	21
<b>Age Range:</b>	Ages Birth Thru 12 years
<b>Program Components:</b>	PRESCHOOL SCHOOL AGE INFANT/TODDLER

**II. METHODS OF INSPECTION**

Date of On-Site Inspection(s): 09/14/2022  
 Date of Environmental Health Inspection: N/A  
 Date of Fire Safety Inspection: 05/28/2020  
 Date of Lead Hazard Risk Assessment, if applicable: 12/09/2016  
 Date of Documentation of Playground Compliance, if applicable:

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	19	10
No. of staff employed	6	6
No. of volunteers	0	0
No. of children present at time of inspection	12	
No. of staff present at time of inspection	5	
No. of volunteers present at time of inspection	0	
No. of children interviewed/observed	12	
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: Infant room, toddler room, preschool room, and school-age room.

Approved Program Director: Amanda Brown

Approved Central Administrator: None

Approved Variances: Noe

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.

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

**R 400.8128                    Staff; volunteer; tuberculosis.**

A center shall keep on file at the center evidence to verify that each child care staff member and each volunteer who has contact with children at least 4 hours per week for more than 2 consecutive weeks is free from communicable tuberculosis (TB). Verification of TB status is required within 1 year before employment or volunteering.

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).

**R 400.8143                    Children's records.**

(13) Parents shall be notified before each field trip.

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.

**R 400.8143                    Children's records.**

(7) Physical evaluations must be updated as follows:  
(a) Yearly for infants and toddlers.

Three of the 10 children's records that I reviewed did not have an updated physical evaluation for infants and toddlers.

**R 400.8143                    Children's records.**

(7) Physical evaluations must be updated as follows:  
(b) Every 2 years for preschoolers.

Four of the 10 children's records that I reviewed did not have an updated physical evaluation for preschoolers.

**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 added a large swing set and did not have the playground inspected and approved by a certified playground safety inspector.

**R 400.8170 Outdoor play area,**

(13) All pieces of playground equipment that have an elevated playing or climbing surface, regardless of the height of the playing or climbing surface, must be surrounded by a shock absorbing surface and meet the guidelines defined by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety, which is available at no cost at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). This handbook is also available for inspection, and distribution at no cost, at the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems, Child Care Division, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933. The shock absorbing surface material may be either unitary or the loose-fill type. An exception to this subrule is provided for natural playgrounds.

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.

**R 400.8315 Food and equipment storage.**

(1) Each refrigerator must have an accurate working thermometer indicating a temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

The refrigerator in the preschool room did not have a thermometer.

**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.

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.

**R 400.8375 Premises.**

(2) Stairs, walkways, ramps, landings, and porches must meet all of the following requirements:

(b) Be maintained in a safe condition relative to the accumulation of water, ice, or snow and have nonslip surfacing.

The hand rail for the porch of the entrance that families use was broken.

**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.

The front porch of the entrance that families use had extensive flaking paint that is accessible to children.

A corrective action plan was requested and approved on 09/14/2022. It is expected that the corrective action plan be implemented within the specified time frames as outlined in the approved 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.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care center.



09/16/2022

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Juli Gohl  
Licensing Consultant

Date