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Christina Kieffer
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RE: License #: DF110397528
Little Lads & Lassies Childcare
1003 N. 8th Street
Niles, MI 49120

Dear Ms. Kieffer:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department’s findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your home on 09/21/2022. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Family and Group Child Care Homes.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.1906	Records of a licensee; child care staff member; child care assistant.
	(1) A licensee shall maintain a file for each child care staff member and each child care assistant that includes all of the following: (g) A written statement, signed and dated by the child care staff member or child care assistant at the time of hiring, indicating all of the following information: (i) The individual is aware that abuse and neglect of children is unlawful. (ii) The individual knows that he or she is mandated by law to report child abuse and neglect. (iii) The individual has received a copy of the licensee's discipline policy.
One child care staff member did not have a written statement regarding abuse and neglect of children that was signed and dated on file.	

R 400.1907	Child's records.
	(1) Prior to a child's initial attendance, a licensee shall obtain the following documents: (a) A completed child information card on a form provided by the department or a comparable substitute approved by the department.
Six child information cards were reviewed. All six cards were missing information including date of admission, allergy information, emergency permission, and date signed.	
R 400.1920	Outdoor play area and equipment
	(5) When swings, climbers, slides, and other similar play equipment with designated play surface above 30 inches are used, they must: (a) Not be placed over concrete asphalt, or a similar surface, such as hard-packed dirt or grass.
Little Tykes climbing equipment over 30 inches was placed over hard-packed dirt and grass.	
R 400.1921	Water hazards; water activities.
	(1) A licensee shall ensure that barriers exist to prevent children from gaining access to any swimming pool, drainage ditch, well, natural or constructed pond, or other body of open water located on or adjacent to the property where the child care home is located. These barriers must be a minimum of 4 feet in height and appropriately secured to prevent children from gaining access to such areas.
The gate creating a barrier to prevent children from gaining access to the swimming pool was left open and unsecured.	
R 400.1932	Home maintenance and safety.
	(2) All dangerous and hazardous materials or items must be stored securely and out of the reach of children.
Dangerous and hazardous items were accessible to children in the kitchen and bathroom. Items in the kitchen include glade air freshener, large plastic bags, knives, serrated edges of foil and plastic wrap, and corn skewers. Items accessible in the bathroom include personal hygiene items.	

R 400.1936	Animals and pets.
	(5) Litter boxes, pet food, pet dishes, and pet toys must be inaccessible to children.
A litter box, pet dishes, and pet food were accessible to children in the kitchen. A soiled dog pee pad was accessible to children in the bathroom.	
R 400.1941	Heat-producing equipment.
	(2) Combustible materials and equipment must not be stored within 4 feet of furnaces, other flame or heat-producing equipment, or fuel-fired water heaters.
Clothing and other combustible materials were stored within 4-feet of the furnace.	
R 400.1944	Smoke detectors; fire extinguishers.
	(1) Operable smoke detectors approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory must be installed and maintained on each floor of the home, including the basement, and in all sleeping areas and bedrooms used by children in care.
There were not operable smoke detectors in the basement or second floor of the home.	
R 400.1944	Smoke detectors; fire extinguishers.
	(3) A home shall have at least 1 functioning multipurpose fire extinguisher, with a rating of 2A-10BC or larger, properly mounted not higher than 5 feet from the floor to the top of the fire extinguisher, on each floor level approved for child use.
There was not a fire extinguisher in the home.	

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 10/16/2022. 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.

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

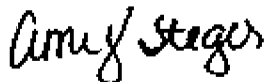
During calendar year 2021:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

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,



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