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RE: License #: DF150065163  
**Cassandra Bennett-May**  
**209 West Antrim**  
**Charlevoix, MI 49720**

Dear Ms. Bennett-May:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your home on 05/25/2022. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Family and Group Child Care Homes.

There were four children present with Ms. Bennett-May. She was found compliant with ratio and group size requirements. Ms. Bennett-May was observed being nurturing and caring toward the children. I observed her getting down on the child's level when speaking to them. I also observed her reading a story to the children while holding a child in her lap. It was evident that the children have an attachment to Ms. Bennett-May as I witnessed them frequently giving her hugs throughout the inspection. To promote language development, Ms. Bennett-May offers numerous books which she reads to them daily, she has children participate in letter recognition activities, and she engages the children in conversations throughout the day. To promote early science, Ms. Bennett-May has the children grow plants, and she has the children learn about bugs and animals. To promote early math, the children have access to blocks, puzzles, and board games. Ms. Bennett-May also has various arts and crafts in the home along with an imaginative play area. Ms. Bennett-May reported that the children utilize her front yard for outdoor play.

The violations that were found are:

**R 400.1915**

**Indoor space; play equipment and materials.**

(3) A variety of easily accessible activity choices must be available to a child that are safe

and appropriate for a child at his or her stage of development. The number of choices must be based on the number of children who are permitted to attend the licensed child care home. All of the following apply to activity choices available:

(b) All materials and equipment must be kept clean, free of hazards, and in good repair.

Ms. Bennett-May did not ensure that all materials and equipment were kept clean, free of hazards, and in good repair. During the inspection, I observed soil from the hanging plants on toys in the living room accessible to children.

**R 400.1916            Bedding and sleeping equipment.**

(1) All bedding and sleeping equipment must be in accordance with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards as approved for the age of the child using the equipment and must be clean, comfortable, safe, and in good repair. The standards are available at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

Ms. Bennett-May did not ensure that all bedding and equipment was clean, comfortable, safe, and in good repair. During the inspection, I observed two gray with animal print play yards in the back bedroom with holes in the mesh. One of the play yards had two holes on the side of the play yard and the other play yard had one hole in the mesh.

**R 400.1923            Diapering and toilet learning.**

(2) The designated changing area must comply with all of the following:

(d) Have a nonabsorbent, easily sanitized surface with a changing pad between the child and the surface.

Ms. Bennett-May did not ensure that the diapering pad was nonabsorbent with an easily sanitized surface with a changing pad. During the inspection, I observed a hole in the diapering pad rendering it absorbent.

**R 400.1932            Home maintenance and safety.**

(1) The structure, premises, and furnishings of a child care home must be in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition.

Ms. Bennett-May did not ensure that the structure, premises, and furnishings of the child care home were in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition. During the inspection, I observed dropped food on the floor throughout the dining room area mixed in with toys. I observed several pieces of a rice cake, a paper plate, and a hairbrush in the silverware drawer in the kitchen. There was a potty chair left in the dining room which I observed a female toddler use while children were eating during the inspection. I directed Ms. Bennett-May to place the potty chair in the bathroom for children to use. There were blankets piled up next to the dining room table and toys scattered throughout the living room which presented as a tripping hazard. I observed a shelf holding numerous plants being propped up by a 2x4 piece of wood to keep the shelf from falling. This shelf was hanging above the imaginative play area and reading area in the living room. I observed a shelf holding plants and medications in the kitchen above the kitchen sink being propped up by a 2x4 to keep the shelf from falling down. I observed several plants in large containers hung on a ledge adjacent to the front door and on a half inch ledge adjacent to the front door. If these plants were to fall on a child, it could result in severe injury to a child. The home presented with cobwebs through the windows and ledges in the home and there were smudges and spills on the wall throughout the home. During the inspection, I observed a pair of fecal soiled underwear hanging off of the bathtub spout with clothes laying underneath it in the child use bathroom.

**Technical Assistance and Consultation were provided on the following:**

- I provided templates on individual plans for children with chronic medical conditions and special needs.
- I provided an emergency plan template.
- I provided guidance on the emergency plans and guidance on providing more detail on the plans for how infant and toddlers will be accommodated for each type of emergency plan.
- I provided guidance on environment and premise hazards.
- I provided guidance on the Child Care Background Check (CCBC) website. Ms. Bennett-May needs to update her roles on the system.
- **R 400.1924(2)(a)-Technical Assistance:** Personnel shall ensure that children wash their hands at all of the following times: (a) before and after meals, snacks, or food preparation experiences.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 06/26/2022. 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. A follow up inspection will be conducted to ensure compliance with home maintenance rules and the corrective action plan.

<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.	<b>0</b>
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	<b>0</b>

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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