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RE: License #: DF170086544  
**Barbara Benoit**  
**1918 W. Tenth Avenue**  
**Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

Dear Ms. Benoit:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your home on 06/08/2023. 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:

**R400.1915**

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

(6) All children shall be protected from materials that could be swallowed or present a choking hazard. Toys or objects with removable parts less than 1 ¼ inches in diameter and less than 2 ¼ inches in length, as well as balls smaller than 1 ¾ inches in diameter are prohibited for children under 3 years of age.

An 18-month-old female was in the same room as a Hungry, Hungry Hippo game that contained marbles.

**R 400.1945**

**Emergency; plan; drill.**

(5) At least 2 tornado drills must be practiced while children are in care between March and November, and a written record of these drills that includes the date must be maintained.

No documentation of tornado drills being held in 2022 or 2023 was available.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 07/03/2023. 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.
- 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.

Upon my arrival, it took several knocks before the licensee came to the door. I could hear children and television noise inside. The children told her that someone was there. She said that she had been in the back bedroom. During the inspection, I observed an 18-month-old female in a pack and play watching TV in a bedroom separated from the others across the entryway hall area. When I had been outside the door knocking, I heard the pack and play being shook by the child. Two preschool-aged children were watching TV in the bedroom that is set up as a playroom. I observed children playing with two blocks and a Hungry, Hungry hippo game. There was other equipment in the room, but none was in use. While the licensee was speaking to me, the 18-month-old female went into the back bedroom with that game. She was behind a closed door. The licensee said that the preschoolers had closed her in there. The licensee said that she had asked the parent who brought the game not to bring it. But it was left out. That bedroom had another TV. The licensee showed me the couch area where she had been watching TV in the back bedroom upon my arrival. There was a fourth TV on in the main living room area. I inquired how long the TVs had been on with the children watching. The licensee said it had been about an hour or so. She turned the TV in the playroom off. She put the 18-month-old back in the play pen saying that child was ready to go down for a nap soon. However, it was before lunch time. The home is clean, with few dirty dishes and no sign of food preparation on the counters.

A corrective action plan was received on the tornado drills. I reviewed the rules about small objects. An addition to the corrective action plan is needed for the marbles being left within the reach of a child under the age of 3. I contacted Great Start to Quality to request assistance for this provider.

<b>During calendar year 2022:</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.	0
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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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