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December 21, 2022

Veronica Marchek
401 Meadowview Dr
Saint Johns, MI 48879

RE: License #: DF190411875
Stepping Stones
401 Meadowview Dr
Saint Johns, MI 48879

Dear Ms. Marchek:

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 11/30/2022, I found 4 violation(s) listed below and explained in the attached report: listed below and explained in the attached report:

- R 400.1915(6) Indoor space; play equipment and materials.**
- R 400.1925(1) Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.**
- R 400.1933(4) Water supply; sewage disposal; water temperature.**
- R400.1932(1) Home maintenance and safety.**

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 01/13/2023. 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.

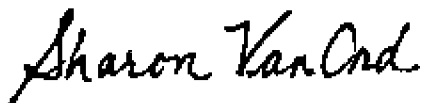
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

During calendar year 2021 (license not active):	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

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

License #:	DF190411875
Licensee Name:	Veronica Marchek
Licensee Address:	401 Meadowview Dr Saint Johns, MI 48879
Licensee Telephone #:	(815) 994-8021
Licensee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Stepping Stones
Facility Address:	401 Meadowview Dr Saint Johns, MI 48879
Facility Telephone #:	(815) 994-8021
Original Issuance Date:	05/25/2022
Capacity:	6
Age Range:	Ages Birth Thru 13 years

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection(s): 11/30/2022

	No. of Records Reviewed	
No. of children enrolled in care	5	5
No. of assistant caregivers employed	0	0
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	3	
No. of other children present at time of inspection	0	
No. of assistant caregivers present at time of inspection	0	
Licensee present at time of inspection?	Yes	
Persons Interviewed:	Licensee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Assistant Caregivers	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approved child use space: On the main level of the home the kitchen, dining room, and mud room are approved for child care use. In the basement, the main room and a napping room are approved for child care use.

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): On the main level of the home there is a front door, family room door, and a garage door that can be used for emergency escape. Exiting from the basement there is a staircase leading to the main level and an emergency escape window.

Approved variances - No Yes Description:

Key Indicator Inspection: No

Additional information:

- Pets? No Yes If yes, describe.
Ms. Marchek has one dog that will have minimal interaction with children in care.
- Hot tubs or spa pool? No Yes If yes, are there appropriate barriers?
- Swimming pool? No Yes If yes, describe pool and barriers.
- Other water hazards? No Yes If yes, describe.
- Fireplace or wood burning stove? No Yes If yes, describe.
There is a fireplace in the family room.
- Fireplace/wood burner in use during child care hours? No Yes If yes, describe barriers to protect children from burns.

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

This renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care home 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 home's records, including staff records and children's records. Staff records include background checks, medical clearance information, and training information. Children's records include child information cards and child in care statements/receipts.

When I arrived for the renewal inspection Ms. Marchek was caring for three unrelated children. She was downstairs with two children while her aunt was sitting at the kitchen table with an infant in care, unsupervised. Ms. Marchek's aunt has not been fingerprinted or determined eligible. In addition, Ms. Marchek's grandma was visiting from out of state and present in the family room. Within a short time, Ms. Marchek's niece and her niece's friend arrived with Ms. Marchek's son. The home was chaotic with related children, a friend, and adult family members moving about while children were present in care. During the inspection Ms. Marchek and I discussed the lack of organization and cleanliness that has occurred since her original inspection on 05/24/2022 in the approved and unapproved spaces.

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

R 400.1915 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 1/4 inches in diameter and less than 2 1/4 inches in length, as well as balls smaller than 1 3/4 inches in diameter are prohibited for children under 3 years of age.

During the inspection Ms. Marchek did not ensure small items were not accessible to children under 3 years of age. Many small items were strewn around the play room posing a choking hazard to children under 3 years of age.

R 400.1925 Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.

(1) Pursuant to section 5n of the act, MCL 722.115n, prior to an individual having any unsupervised contact with children, the department shall determine the individual's eligibility to be any of the following:

(b) An adult member of the household.

When I arrived for the inspection, Ms. Marchek's aunt was in the kitchen with a child enrolled in care. She has a recurrent presence in the home and has not been finger printed or determined eligible. Ms. Marchek allowed unsupervised contact with a child in care which is prohibited.

R 400.1933 Water supply; sewage disposal; water temperature.

(4) Hot water temperature must not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit at water faucets accessible to children.

Ms. Marchek did not ensure the water temperature was 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below. I temped the water at 140 degrees Fahrenheit which can cause burns and poses a safety concern for children in care.

R400.1932(1) 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. Marchek did not ensure her home is maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition. Her home is cluttered and needs to be organized, cleaned, and maintained in a comfortable condition.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend renewal of a regular license to this child care family home (capacity 1-6). Increased monitoring to include unannounced inspections will be conducted to ensure compliance.

Sharon VanOrd

12/21/2022

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Licensing Consultant

Date