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Michelle Nicholas  
1352 Falcon Ave  
Grayling, MI 49738

RE: License #                      DF200388811  
**Nicholas, Michelle**  
**1352 Falcon Ave**  
**Grayling, MI 49738**

Dear Ms. Nicholas:

This letter is a follow-up to the on-site inspection conducted at your home on 06/21/2022. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with infant safe sleep requirements.

When I arrived on-site, Ms. Michelle Nicholas was present; along with eight unrelated children in attendance. One infant was awake and laying in a play yard located in the living room. Another infant was awake and sitting upright in a swing, which was also located in the living room. In the Cosco Pack-n-Play, that one of the infants was laying in, Ms. Nicholas had removed the mattress that came with the play yard and replaced it with an off-brand foam pack-n-play mattress. Ms. Nicholas stated that she had seen the mattress online and purchased it through Amazon, thinking it would provide a better surface for the infants to lay on. Since she had seen it advertised as a pack-n-play mattress, she assumed it was acceptable to use. I provided Ms. Nicholas with clarification of the safe sleep rules, technical assistance and consultation regarding her Cosco Pack-n-Play. I located the instructions written on the bottom of the Cosco Pack-n-Play, where it states, "Use ONLY mattress/pad provided by manufacturer." I shared the information with Ms. Nicholas and informed her that she has to follow the manufacturer's instructions. While on-site, Ms. Nicholas removed the foam mattress from the play yard and replaced it with the original manufacturer's pad that came with the Cosco Pack-n-Play. Due to Ms. Nicholas having eight unrelated children in attendance; I did not leave the premises until until two of the children were picked up by their mother.

The violations that were found are:

**R 400.1908                      Capacity.**

(1) The licensee shall ensure that the actual number of unrelated children in care at any 1 time does not exceed the number of children for which the child care home is licensed, not more than 6 children for a family child care home and not more than 12 children for a group child care home.

Ms. Michelle Nicholas was providing care for eight unrelated children.

**R 400.1910                      Ratio of personnel to children.**

(1) The ratio of personnel to children present in the home at any 1 time must be not less than 1 member of the personnel to 6 children. The ratio must include all children in care who are not related to any personnel and any of the following children who are less than 6 years of age:

(a) Children of the licensee.

(b) Children of a child care staff member or child care assistant.

(c) Children related to any member of the household by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Ms. Michelle Nicholas was providing care for eight unrelated children by herself, which created a 1:8 caregiver to child ratio.

On 06/21/2022, you gave us an acceptable written corrective action plan. Due to the capacity and ratio violations, increased monitoring with unannounced inspections will remain in place and safe sleep rules will also continue to be monitored.

You can find a copy of this confirming letter and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when confirming 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 517-284-4625.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana M. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and 'H'.

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