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October 10, 2022

Faith Bendele  
999 Falkirk Rd.  
Alma, MI 48801

RE: License #: DF290404015  
**Little Squirrels DayCare**  
**999 Falkirk Rd.**  
**Alma, MI 48801**

Dear Ms. Bendele:

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](#).

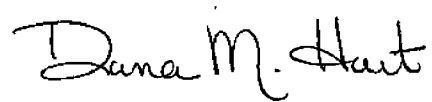
As a result of the renewal inspection on 10/07/2022, I did not find any rule or law violations. You will receive your regular license in the mail.

<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>

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,

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".

Dana M. Hart, Licensing Consultant  
Child Care Licensing Bureau  
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Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU  
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License#:</b>	DF290404015
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Faith Bendele
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	999 Falkirk Rd. Alma, MI 48801
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(989) 444-2987
<b>Licensee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Little Squirrels DayCare
<b>Facility Address:</b>	999 Falkirk Rd. Alma, MI 48801
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(989) 444-2987
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	04/17/2020
<b>Capacity:</b>	7
<b>Age Range:</b>	Ages Birth Thru 17 years

## II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection(s):

10/07/2022

	No. of Records Reviewed	
No. of children enrolled in care	8	8
No. of assistant caregivers employed	2	2
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	7	
No. of other children present at time of inspection	1	
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, the living room, dining room and kitchen are approved for child care use. On the basement level, the kitchen/eating area and playroom are approved for child care use. The bathroom, located on the basement level of the home, is available for use by the child care children.

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): There are two exits available on the main level of the home. The front door, located off of the living room, exits out to four cement steps down to the driveway. The back door, located off of the kitchen, exits out to a landing that steps down to the backyard. There are two exits available on the basement level of the home. The stairway leading to the main level of the home and the egress window located in the kitchen/eating area. The egress window exits out to the side yard (East) of the home.

Approved variances -  No  Yes Description: R400.1910(1)(a-c) Ratio of personnel to children. The ratio of personnel to children present in the home at any time will be 1 personnel to 7 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 7 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

Key Indicator Inspection: No.

### Additional information:

- Pets? No  Yes  If yes, describe.  
One medium sized dog that has minimal contact with the child care children.
- 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 an electric fireplace in the living room on the main level of the home.
- 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 on-site, Ms. Faith Bendele was present; along with seven unrelated children in attendance and one related child who was over the age of six. Two of the children were finishing up their lunch, while the other children were winding down and getting ready for rest time. Ms. Bendele was attending to the children's wants and needs. The children appeared happy and comfortable within her care.

The facility is in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes.

### IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care family home (capacity 1-6).

*Dana M. Hart*

10/10/2022

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Dana M. Hart  
Licensing Consultant

Date