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RE: License #: DF390406620
Little Cubs And Lady Bugs
2710 S. Burdick St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Dear Ms. Branch:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your home on 06/07/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Family and Group Child Care Homes.

During the onsite inspection, Ms. Branch was providing care to four related children and did not have any unrelated children enrolled in care. When I entered the home, the children were gated off in the living room and Ms. Branch was trying to clean carpets in the hallway. Ms. Branch later prepared lunch for the children and they came out to eat at a small table she had set up in the kitchen. Ms. Branch was within her capacity and ratio at all times. Verification of compliance included observations of the physical environment, health and safety, programming, and a review of staff records. No unrelated children were enrolled so I was unable to review child records during the onsite inspection.

During the exit conference, I provided technical assistance on the following:

- A new play structure was being installed in the backyard. It cannot be used by the children in care until it has safe surfacing material under it and all of the fall zones for the piece of equipment.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.1903 Licensee responsibilities.

(8) To comply with section 3c of the act, MCL 722.113c, a licensee shall have a policy and procedure on smoking and vaping that includes all of the following:

(b) Conspicuously post on the premises a notice stating that smoking and vaping are prohibited on the premises during child care hours.

The licensee did not conspicuously post on the premises a notice stating that smoking and vaping are prohibited on the premises during child care hours.

R 400.1915 Indoor space; play equipment and materials.

(5) As required by section 15 of the children's product safety act, 2000 PA 219, MCL 722.1065, a licensee shall conspicuously post in the child care home an updated copy of the list of recalled or unsafe children's products that is provided by the department through its Michigan Child Care Matters (MCCM) online newsletter and available at the department's website www.michigan.gov/mccmatters.

The licensee did not conspicuously post an updated copy of the list of recalled or unsafe children's products provided by the department through MCCM. The posted recall list was from Spring 2022.

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>.

The crib used for napping children in the living room was not safe and in good repair. It was missing one wheel that caused it to be tilted at an angle and did not sit level on the floor.

R 400.1921 Water hazards; water activities.

(1) A licensee shall ensure that barriers exist to prevent children from gaining access to any swimming pool, drainage ditch, well, natural or constructed pond, or other body of open water located on or adjacent to the property where the child care home is

located. These barriers must be a minimum of 4 feet in height and appropriately secured to prevent children from gaining access to such areas.

The licensee did not ensure that a barrier existed to prevent children from gaining access to a soft-sided above ground swimming pool located in the backyard. The swimming pool still had the cover on it but there was standing water inside the pool. The licensee was not supposed to use the backyard for children in care until a four-foot fence was installed around the swimming pool with a locking gate that could not be operated by a child or the pool was removed from the residence.

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Corrective Action Plan Date 04/14/2022

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.

The structure, premises, and furnishings in the home were not in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition. The play room was in disarray and had toys strewn everywhere around the room, packages of new diapers scattered on the floor, totes of toys that were not grouped together by similar item or type, and there was so much clutter that it made it hard to walk in the room.

Large amounts of light were visible under the door where the threshold was missing to the kitchen from the exterior of the home. The kitchen table had a broken chair that presented a hazard to children, there were at least four baskets of laundry sitting on the floor of the dining area, and the kitchen table was cluttered with a large box, serving pan, a coffee mug, and other items.

The outside of the home was not maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition. There was a lawn mower, weed whipper, generator, tarps, a gas can, and fire pit that was not completely covered in the child use area.

R 400.1932 Home maintenance and safety.

(2) All dangerous and hazardous materials or items must be stored securely and out of the reach of children.

Dangerous and hazardous materials were stored within reach of children. Latches were broken under the kitchen sink and children had access to cleaning chemicals. One kitchen drawer contained adult scissors that were accessible to children. There

was Lysol on the counter that was within reach of children. There was caulk on the floor in the kitchen for replacing tile. There was also a ladder leaning up against the wall in the kitchen that presented a hazard for children.

R 400.1941 Heat-producing equipment.

(2) Combustible materials and equipment must not be stored within 4 feet of furnaces, other flame or heat-producing equipment, or fuel-fired water heaters.

Combustible materials and equipment such as plastic tubs and totes were stored within four feet of the furnace. Pillows and piles of laundry were within four feet of fuel-fire water heater.

R 400.1942 Electrical service; maintenance.

(2) All electrical outlets, including outlets on multiple outlet devices, accessible to children must have safety covers or be tamper resistant outlets.

Electrical outlets were accessible to children and did not have safety covers and were not tamper resistant outlets. There were six outlets without covers in the living room. There was a multiple outlet device in the hallway that did not have covers.

R 400.1942 Electrical service; maintenance.

(3) Electrical cords must be arranged so they are not hazardous to children.

Electrical cords were in the living room were accessible and presented a hazard to children in the living room. There was a pile of cords next to the television that contained the modem but were not tucked behind the entertainment center.

R 400.1944 Smoke detectors; fire extinguishers.

(3) A home shall have at least 1 functioning multipurpose fire extinguisher, with a rating of 2A-10BC or larger, properly mounted not higher than 5 feet from the floor to the top of the fire extinguisher, on each floor level approved for child use.

The fire extinguisher on the main level of the home was not properly mounted no higher than 5 feet from the floor to the top of the fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher was sitting on top of a cabinet in the kitchen.

On June 7, 2023, you gave us an acceptable written corrective action plan.
A follow up inspection may be made to check compliance with the licensing rules.

During calendar year 2022:	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

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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