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September 2, 2022

Amy Richards  
610 Escott St  
Big Rapids, MI 49307

RE: Application #: DF540412247  
Amy Richards  
610 Escott St  
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Dear Ms. Richards:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and rules. Therefore, an original license with a capacity of 6 is issued.

Please review the attached documentation for accuracy and 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 must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald W. Vita".

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enclosure

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DF540412247
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Amy Richards
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	610 Escott St Big Rapids, MI 49307
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(616) 824-1334
<b>Licensee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Amy Richards
<b>Facility Address:</b>	610 Escott St Big Rapids, MI 49307
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(616) 824-1334
<b>Application Date:</b>	04/09/2022
<b>Capacity:</b>	6
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE FAMILY HOME (CAPACITY 1-6)

## II. METHODOLOGY

04/09/2022	On-Line Enrollment.
04/11/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent.
04/22/2022	Inspection Completed – Radon
04/26/2022	Inspection Completed-Heating Approved
04/26/2022	Inspection Completed-Water Heater
05/05/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
06/02/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
06/30/2022	Application Complete/Orientation Needed
07/14/2022	Orientation Scheduled For-Lansing – Virtual
07/14/2022	Orientation Attended Lansing – Virtual
08/26/2022	Inspection Completed On-site
08/26/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance
09/02/2022	Recommend license issuance

## III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

**A. Description of Facility:** The home is a traditional frame construction house located in a residential section of Big Rapids, Michigan. The house includes a main floor, finished basement and upper level.

**Rooms and levels approved for child care use:** On the main floor, the kitchen, dining room, front room, master bedroom and a bedroom converted to a playroom are approved for child care use.

**Areas not approved:** The basement and upper level are not approved for child care use at this time.

**Ages of children served:** The program will serve children birth to 17 years old.

**Equipment:** There is an adequate amount of play and learning equipment for indoor and outdoor activities.

**Proposed days and hours of operation:** The child care home will operate Monday – Friday from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

**Previous or concurrent licenses, including children's foster care:** Ms. Richards was previous licensed to provide child care in Kent County (DF410065458) from 3/29/95 until 3/29/1998 and in Montcalm County (DF590084380) from 2/16/2010 until 3/10/2013.

**Exiting information (including second floor and basement):** Exiting is available from the main floor to grade via the front door (east), a sliding glass door off the dining room (south) and service door off the kitchen (north). Ms. Richards will use the service door as the main entrance to her child care home.

**Outdoor play area description:** Ms. Richards will utilize her back yard for outdoor play. It is surrounded on three sides by a 4-foot-high chain link fence and the house provides a barrier on the fourth side.

Additional information:

- Pets? No  Yes  If yes, describe. Two large dogs and a puppy.
- 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.
- Fireplace/wood burner in use during child care hours? No  Yes  If yes, describe barriers to protect children from burns:

**Explanation of variances, if any:** No variances have been issued.

**B. Rule/Statutory Violations:** No rule or statutory violations were observed.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

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



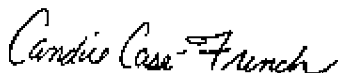
09/02/2022

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Donald W. Vita  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



09/02/2022

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Candice Case-French  
Area Manager

Date