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**Report Type** : Renewal  
**Inspection Type:** Renewal

**Date of Inspection:** 3/5/2024  
**Date of Report:** 3/6/2024

| Licensee Name(s)                      | License Number                        | Capacity |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Stephanie Sparks                      | DG140285829                           | 14       |
| Facility Name                         | Program Type                          |          |
| Stephanie Sparks                      | Group Home                            |          |
| Facility Address                      | Mailing Address                       |          |
| 103 Henry St.,<br>Dowagiac, MI, 49047 | 103 Henry St.,<br>Dowagiac, MI, 49047 |          |
| Facility Phone Number                 | Facility Email Address                |          |
| 2697825564                            | stephaniesparks33@comcast.net         |          |

### Findings of the Inspection

A copy of this renewal inspection report and any associated corrective action plans is available on the Child Care Licensing Bureau [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](#).

The renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care center [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 center's records, including staff records and children's records. Staff records include background checks and training information. Children's records include child information cards, physical examination dates, and immunizations.

As a result of the renewal inspection(s) on 3/5/2024, , licensing consultant Amy Steger did not find any rule or law violations. A regular license will be issued.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact licensing consultant, Amy Steger, at (269) 568-2915. In the event that Amy Steger is not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.


### Inspection Details

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| <i>Number of Rules/Statutes Reviewed</i>   | <i>Number of Rules/Statute Violations</i>   | <i>Number of Rules/Statutes where Technical Assistance was Provided</i>                |
| 494  | 0   | 0  |
| <i>Number of Children's Records Reviewed : Number of Children Enrolled</i>               | <i>Number of Staff Employed : Number of Staff Files Reviewed</i>  | <i>Number of Home Volunteers : Number of Volunteer Files Reviewed</i>                  |
| 4 : 4  | 1 : 1   | 0 : 0  |
| <i>Number of Children Observed : Number of Children Present During Inspection</i>        | <i>Number of Child Care Staff Members Observed : Number of Child Care Staff Members Present During Inspection</i> | <i>Number of Volunteers Observed a: Number of Volunteers Present During Inspection</i> |
| 2 : 2  | 1 : 1   | 0 : 0  |
| <i>Licensee Interviewed</i>  | <i>Child Care Staff Members Interviewed</i>   | <i>Pets</i>  |
| Yes  | Yes   | There are no pets.   |
| <i>Water or Other Hazards</i>  | <i>Outdoor Space</i>  |  |
| The Dowagiac Creek is located near the home. The outdoor play area is completely fenced. | The outdoor play area is adjacent to the home. It is completely fenced.   |  |

| <b>Documentation of Required Inspections</b> |                           |                 |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Type of Inspection</i>                    | <i>Date of Inspection</i> | <i>Findings</i> |
| Furnace Inspection                           | 2/11/2022                 | Approved        |
| Radon Test                                   | 3/4/2022                  | 2.9 pCi/L       |

| <b>Hours of Operation</b> |                           |                           |                           |                           |                 |               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Monday</i>             | <i>Tuesday</i>            | <i>Wednesday</i>          | <i>Thursday</i>           | <i>Friday</i>             | <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Sunday</i> |
| 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:00 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:00 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:00 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:00 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:00 PM |                 |               |

| <b>Bureau Recommendation</b>   |
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| I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care group home (capacity 7-14.) |

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| <b>Approved By:</b>   |  |  |  |
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| <b>03/06/2024</b>   |  |  |  |
| Amy Steger  |  |  |  |

| <b>Licensing Consultant</b> | <b>Date</b> |  |  |
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