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Krystin Valentine
1013 E. Walker Street
St Johns, MI 48879

RE: License #: DG190401834
Cuddles & Puddles Child Care
1013 E. Walker Street
St Johns, MI 48879

Dear Ms. Valentine:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department’s findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your home on 04/26/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Family and Group Child Care Homes.

When I arrived for the inspection, Ms. Valentine was providing care to three children; two unrelated children and one related child under six years of age. Ms. Valentine and two of the children were sitting and eating lunch. The infant in care was observing Ms. Valentine and the children.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.1915	Indoor space; play equipment and materials.
	(6) All children shall be protected from materials that could be swallowed or present a choking hazard. Toys or objects with removable parts less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and less than 2 1/4 inches in length, as well as balls smaller than 1 3/4 inches in diameter are prohibited for children under 3 years of age.
Ms. Valentine did not ensure children under 3 years of age are protected from materials that could be swallowed or present a choking hazard. Excessive amounts of small manipulatives were strewn about on the floors in multiple approved child use spaces. Magna-tiles which are approved for three years and up by the	

<p>manufacturer were used by an 18-month-old in care. Magna-tiles pose a hazard due to the small magnets if swallowed or inhaled and require immediate medical attention.</p>	
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 .
<p>Ms. Valentine did not ensure the play yard used by an 18-month-old in care was in good repair. There was a hole in the netting which poses an entrapment hazard.</p>	
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.
<p>Ms. Valentine did not ensure her home was maintained in a safe, clean, and comfortable condition. Excessive amounts of toys were strewn about in child use spaces. The southeast bedroom used for napping children in care had blankets and toys on the beds and on the floor. The family room/game room in the lower level was cluttered. The snack bar, which is not approved for children in care was open and accessible. The kitchen had an excess amount of clutter on the counters making it difficult to prepare food, dishes were in the sink, and the floor had food and other miscellaneous small objects around the cooking area, table, and under the play yard.</p>	
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.
<p>Ms. Valentine did not ensure the Blackstone grill was inaccessible to children in care. The grill which had a gas tank attached was not covered.</p>	
R 400.1936	Animals and pets.
	(5) Litter boxes, pet food, pet dishes, and pet toys must be inaccessible to children.
<p>Ms. Valentine did not ensure pet dishes were inaccessible to children. The dog's dishes were on the floor in the kitchen which is approved child care use space.</p>	

<p>Technical assistance was provided for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Label bottles for infant each day with child’s first/last name and date. • Front porch carpeting requires repair or replacement as it is a tripping hazard if a shoe catches on a tear. Children enter/exit the home using the front porch. • Back deck requires staining to ensure no peeling/flaking. Children exit the home for play using the back deck. 	

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 5/18/2023. You can use our [corrective action plan](#) form or create your own.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact me. If you do not send a corrective action plan, you may face disciplinary action. The corrective action plan must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend increased monitoring to include unannounced inspections. There will be no change in the license status.

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

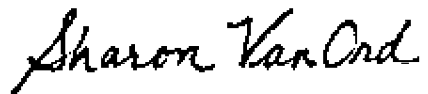
You can find a copy of this inspection letter and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon VanOrd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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