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December 9, 2022

Cristy Cate  
 1225 Brent  
 Portage, MI 49024

RE: License #: DG390300560  
**Cristy Cate**  
**1225 Brent**  
**Portage, MI 49024**

Dear Ms. Cate:

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](#).

During the renewal inspection on 11/28/2022, I found *one violation*. The violation is listed below and explained in the attached report:

R400.1903 Licensee Responsibilities

Due to the rule/law violations noted, I recommend refusal to renew your license. You will be notified in writing of the department's intention and your options.

<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 at (269) 568-2686. 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 "Roxanne Duckworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Roxanne Duckworth, 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>	DG390300560
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Cristy Cate
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	1225 Brent Portage, MI 49024
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(269) 324-1789
<b>Licensee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Cristy Cate
<b>Facility Address:</b>	1225 Brent Portage, MI 49024
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(269) 929-7973
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	04/09/2009
<b>Capacity:</b>	12
<b>Age Range:</b>	Ages Birth Thru 17 years

## II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection(s):

11/28/2022, 09/07/2022

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	unknown	0
No. of assistant caregivers employed	unknown	0
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	N/A	
No. of other children present at time of inspection		
No. of assistant caregivers present at time of inspection		
Licensee present at time of inspection?	No	
Persons Interviewed:		
Licensee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Assistant Caregivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Approved child use space: The main level living room, dining room, and kitchen are approved for child use space. The lower level playroom/activity room is also approved child use space.

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): There are three remote exits on the main level, including the front door and back sliding-glass door, both leading directly outside, and a third door off the dining room leading to the garage. There are two remote exits on the lower level, including a door leading directly outside, and stairs leading to the main level.

Approved variances -  No  Yes Description:

Key Indicator Inspection: N/A

### Additional information:

- Pets? No  Yes  If yes, describe.  
unknown
- 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.

### III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

The last renewal inspection of this child care group home was on 01/17/2020.

On 03/02/2021 Ms. Cate informed me through a text message that she had broken her foot and had to have surgery on the other foot, so she would be closed for at least six weeks. Ms. Cate was to get a hold of me when she began operating again.

On 11/08/2021 I texted Ms. Cate to remind her that her license would be expiring 12/03/2021, and we had not received her application or fee for renewal.

On 11/17/2021 I followed up my text message with an email to Ms. Cate.

On 11/20/2021 I spoke with Ms. Cate per telephone. She reported that her father and grandfather had passed away due to Covid in December 2020 and she was in Indiana cleaning out their home. Ms. Cate was not sure when she would be returning home but told me she would let me know when she began operating again. I did not hear from her when she returned to Michigan from Indiana.

I received a text message on 12/07/2021 that Ms. Cate was out of state dealing with a personal issue involving her child and that she was working on completing the application and fee and would send it in.

I reached out to Ms. Cate per telephone on 01/19/2022 and 01/20/2022 to let her know the department had still not received her application and fee, and I would be closing her license if I did not hear from her.

Ms. Care texted me on 02/03/2022 and reported to me that she was in the hospital and was not sure when she would be returning home and operating child care again as she would be having surgery. I did not hear anything further from Ms. Cate, nor did I receive a renewal application/fee.

On 03/17/2022 I texted Ms. Cate's cell phone a picture of a letter and placed it in postal mail. The letter stated that her application and fee were still not received and I would be closing her license if I did not receive the application and fee by 03/28/2022.

On 03/28/2022, Ms. Cate submitted the application and fee and it was received in the child care system. I texted Ms. Cate on this same date to inquire whether she was back operating child care, and she responded that she would not be operating until she received a medical clearance, and the appointment was in April 2022. Ms. Cate indicated she would let me know what the outcome was from the appointment.

On 04/29/2022 Ms. Cate texted me an update about her situation and requested that I send the new child care forms in preparation of her re-opening in June 2022. I contacted Ms. Cate per telephone on 04/29/2022, 05/04/2022, 06/13/2022, and 06/29/2022 and received no response. I mailed out the child care forms (child

information records and child in care statements) and a licensing rule book to her on 05/05/2022.

I attempted to do an onsite inspection to Ms. Cate's child care home on 09/07/2022 but no one answered the door after knocking very loudly and ringing the doorbell several times. There were three cars parked in the driveway (one of which had windows opened), the trash was down at the road for service, and I could hear a dog barking inside the home. I contacted Ms. Cate per telephone on this same day, 09/07/2022, and left a voice mail reporting that I had been to the home, a renewal needs to be completed regardless of whether she has child care children present, and to contact me as soon as possible.

On 10/05/2022 I sent out a letter through certified mail and texted a picture of the letter to Ms. Cate's cell phone. The letter reported all my attempts at contacting Ms. Cate, and that an inspection needed to be completed by 10/31/2022, or disciplinary action may be taken by the department to close the license.

On 10/13/2022 a person signed for the letter at Ms. Cate's address. I am unfamiliar with the name of the person who signed for the letter and did not receive any contact from Ms. Cate.


On 11/28/2022 I attempted a second onsite to Ms. Cate's child care home. I loudly knocked several times and rang the doorbell. I could hear a dog barking inside. The porch light was on at the front door and there was a SUV parked in the driveway.

It cannot be determined whether the home was in compliance with all the applicable rules and statutes. It is determined that Ms. Cate failed to cooperate with the department, therefore, the following violation is being cited:	
<b>R 400.1903</b>	<b>Licensee Responsibilities.</b>
	<b>(4) The licensee shall cooperate with the department in connection with an inspection or investigation, as required in section 10(1) of the act, MCL 722.120(1). Cooperation includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:</b> <b>(a) Admit authorized members of the department into the approved child caring areas of the child care home and provide access to all records, individuals, and other materials necessary to determine compliance with the act and these rules.</b>

Ms. Cate is not cooperating with the department as she has completely stopped responding/communicating with the department and has not been available to complete a renewal inspection. Onsite inspections were attempted at Ms. Cate's child care home on 09/07/2022 and 11/28/2022, as well as, numerous phone calls, text messages, letters, and emails were made in an effort to contact Ms. Cate and complete an onsite inspection for her child care license that expired 12/03/2021.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend refusal to renew the license of this child care group home (capacity 7-12).


 12/09/2022

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Roxanne Duckworth Date  
Licensing Consultant

Approved By:

 12/09/2022

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Yolanda Sims Date  
Area Manager

 12/09/2022

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Erika Bigelow Date  
Division Director

 12/29/2022

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Emily Laidlaw Date  
Bureau Director