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

**Date of Inspection:** 5/8/2024,  
**Date of Report:** 5/9/2024

Licensee Name(s)	License Number	Capacity
Sheila Smith	DG440279772	14
Facility Name	Program Type	
Darling Otters Day Care	Group Home	
Facility Address	Mailing Address	
4103 Otter Lake Road, Otter Lake, MI, 48464	4103 Otter Lake Road, Otter Lake, MI, 48464	
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address	
8107938123	sheila@darlingotter.com	

### 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 5/8/2024, , licensing consultant Catherine Edgar 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, Catherine Edgar, at (810) 931-1380. In the event that Catherine Edgar is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

### Inspection Details

<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>
489	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>
7 : 7	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>
4 : 4	1 : 1	0 :
<i>Licensee Interviewed</i>	<i>Child Care Staff Members Interviewed</i>	<i>Pets</i>
Yes		There are 2 dogs in the home.
<i>Water or Other Hazards</i>	<i>Outdoor Space</i>	
There is a hot tub located on the property but it is in a fenced area away from the outdoor place used by children in care. The hot tub has a locking cover,	There are 2 large play area located on the side of the home. One is fully fenced and has a wide variety of different equipment. The other consists of an area for using riding toys and has a number of play houses. There is also a large shed being converted	

<b>Documentation of Required Inspections</b>		
<i>Type of Inspection</i>	<i>Date of Inspection</i>	<i>Findings</i>
Furnace	4/11/2024	Approved
Water Heater	4/11/2024	Approved

<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Conclusion</i>
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<b>Technical Assistance</b>	
<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Rule</i>

<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>
06:00 AM To 5:30 PM	06:00 AM To 5:30 PM	06:00 AM To 5:30 PM	06:00 AM To 5:30 PM	06:00 AM To 5:30 PM		

**Bureau Recommendation**

I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care group home.

**Approved By:**

*Catherine Edgar*

Catherine Edgar

**Licensing Consultant**

05/09/2024

**Date**