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

**Date of Inspection:** 11/30/2023  
**Date of Report:** 11/30/2023

| Licensee Name(s)      | License Number                               | Capacity |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| Stephanie Smith       | DG470274455                                  | 14       |
| Facility Name         | Program Type                                 |          |
| Stephanie Smith       | Group Home                                   |          |
| Facility Address      | Mailing Address                              |          |
|                       | 1913 Autumn Glen Drive,<br>Howell, MI, 48843 |          |
| Facility Phone Number | Facility Email Address                       |          |
| (810) 445-9226        | stefnjeff5@sbcglobal.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.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact licensing consultant, Thanh Biehl, at (734) 417-8580. In the event that Thanh Biehl 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> |
| 434                                      | 0   | 2   |

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|---|---|--|
| <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>                  |
| 13 : 13   | 2 : 2   | 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   | 2 : 2   | 0 : 0  |
| <i>Licensee Interviewed</i>   | <i>Child Care Staff Members Interviewed</i>   | <i>Pets</i>  |
| Yes   | Yes   | One dog (17 years old).  |
| <i>Water or Other Hazards</i>   | <i>Outdoor Space</i>  |  |
| The hot tub is emptied and locked.  | There are swings and outdoor toys located outside in the backyard.  |  |

| <b>Variances</b>   |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <i>Rule Number</i> | <i>Rule</i>  |
| R 400.1910 (1)     | (1) The ratio of caregiving staff to children present in the home at any 1 time shall be not less than 1 caregiving staff person to 6 children. The ratio shall include all unrelated children in care and any of the following children who are less than 7 years of age: (a) Children of the caregiver. (b) Children of the assistant caregiver. (c) Children related to any member of the child care home family by blood, marriage, or adoption. |

PA 116 MCL 722.111(2) and MCL 722.111(4) increased capacity for family and group homes allowing family homes to have up to 7 children and group homes to have up to 14 children. Given that ratio is defined in the administrative rules, a variance to the personnel to child ratio is necessary to align with the changes set forth in HB 5041.

"Increased capacity" means 1 additional child added to the total number of minor children received for care and supervision in a family child care home or 2 additional children added to the total number of minor children received for care and supervision in a group child care home.

The ratio of personnel to children present in the home at any time will be 1 personnel to 7 children. The ratio of personnel to children present in the home at any 1 time must be not less than 1 member of the personnel to 7 children.

(1) The ratio must include all children in care who are not related to any personnel and any of the following children who are less than 6 years of age: (a) Children of the licensee. (b) Children of a child care staff member or child care assistant. (c) Children related to any member of the household by blood, marriage, or adoption.

| Documentation of Required Inspections |                    |           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Type of Inspection                    | Date of Inspection | Findings  |
| Fuel-fired furnace inspection         | 9/27/2023          | Approved  |
| Radon                                 | 9/25/2020          | 2.9 pCi/L |

| Technical Assistance |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Rule Number          | Rule   |
| R 400.1941(5)        | The inspection specified in subrule (4) of this rule must be conducted before the initial license is issued and every 4 years thereafter at the time of license renewal.   |
| R 400.1944(3)        | A home shall have at least 1 functioning multipurpose fire extinguisher, with a rating of 2A (10)BC or larger, properly mounted not higher than 5 feet from the floor to the top of the fire extinguisher, on each floor level approved for child use. |

| Hours of Operation        |                           |                           |                           |                           |          |        |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|
| Monday                    | Tuesday                   | Wednesday                 | Thursday                  | Friday                    | Saturday | Sunday |
| 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:30 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:30 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:30 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:30 PM | 07:00 AM<br>To<br>5:30 PM |          |        |

| Bureau Recommendation                          |
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| I recommend the issuance of a regular license. |

| Approved By:                |             |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Thanh Biehl                 | 11/30/2023  |  |  |
| <b>Licensing Consultant</b> | <b>Date</b> |  |  |
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