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Sarah Patton
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RE: License #: DG490400326
Little Buoys
1275 S Park Ave
Cedarville, MI 49719

Dear Ms. Patton:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your home on 07/20/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Family and Group Child Care Homes.

During the on-site inspection the programming I observed included the following: nap time, outdoor play, snack and diapering.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.1905

Training.

(3) A licensee shall ensure that child care staff members and child care assistants, prior to caring for children, have training that includes information on all of the following:

(b) Recognition of and the reporting of child abuse and neglect.

Three child care staff members present during the on-site inspection did not complete training that includes recognition of and the reporting of child abuse and neglect.

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Corrective Action Plan Dated 06/15/2021

R 400.1905 Training.

- (3) A licensee shall ensure that child care staff members and child care assistants, prior to caring for children, have training that includes information on all of the following:
 - (c) Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment.

Three child care staff members present during the on-site inspection did not complete training that includes prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment.

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R 400.1907 Child's records.

- (1) Prior to a child's initial attendance, a licensee shall obtain the following documents:
 - (a) A completed child information card on a form provided by the department or a comparable substitute approved by the department.

I reviewed 14 child information cards. The following information was missing: (4) date of admission, (3) mother and or father's employer and or employer telephone number and (3) allergies/special needs/special instructions.

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R 400.1907 Child's records.

- (1) Prior to a child's initial attendance, a licensee shall obtain the following documents:
 - (b) A child in care statement or receipt using a form provided by the department and signed by the parent certifying all of the following:
 - (i) Receipt of a written disciplinary policy.
 - (ii) Condition of the child's health.
 - (iii) Acknowledgement that the parent has been offered either a copy of the licensing rules for a child care home

or has been given the website for an electronic copy of these rules.

(iv) Agreement as to who will provide food for the child.

(v) Acknowledgement that firearms are on the premises, if applicable.

(vi) If the child care home was built prior to 1978, then the licensee shall inform the parents of each child in care and all personnel of the potential presence of lead-based paint or lead dust hazards, unless the licensee maintains documentation from a lead testing professional that the home is lead safe.

Two of the 14 child files reviewed did not have a child in care statement on file.

R 400.1907 Child's records.

(2) Records in subrule (1) of this rule must be reviewed and updated annually or when information changes.

Three of the 14 child in care statements reviewed were not updated annually as required.

R 400.1920 Outdoor play area and equipment.

(1) A child care home shall provide a clean, safe, and hazard free outdoor play area, on the premises or within a reasonable walking distance of the home.

I observed two large boards leaning on the fence in the outdoor play area; the boards cause the outdoor play area to be unsafe due to risk of injury to children if the boards fall.

R 400.1923 Diapering and toilet learning.

(2) The designated changing area must comply with all of the following:

(a) Be used exclusively for changing wet or soiled diapers or underwear.

I observed a child care staff member change a child's diaper outdoors on the deck where children were playing.

R 400.1923 Diapering and toilet learning.

(2) The designated changing area must comply with all of the following:

(d) Have a nonabsorbent, easily sanitized surface with a changing pad between the child and the surface.

I observed a child care staff member change a child's diaper outdoors on the deck; the wood is absorbent and can not be easily sanitized.

R 400.1924 Hand washing.

(2) Personnel shall ensure that children wash their hands at all of the following times:

(b) After toileting or diapering.

Child care staff members did not ensure that children washed their hands after diapering.

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.

I observed a large hole in the floor surrounded by broken tile at the back door where children and parents enter the home; the hole poses a fall risk to anyone entering the home.

R 400.1932 Home maintenance and safety.

(8) Open-flame devices and candles must not be used, except for birthdays or religious celebrations, and they must be inaccessible to children and extinguished when done.

I observed a candle burning in the home during the on-site inspection.

R 400.1943 Exit requirements for each floor level used by children.

(5) All exits must be unobstructed and accessible at all times.

The front door located in the living room was obstructed by a shelf an inaccessible during the on-site inspection.

R 400.1945

Emergency; plan; drill.

(1) An applicant or licensee shall have a written emergency response plan for the care of children that must be posted in a conspicuous location within the child care home.

The plan must address the following types of emergencies:

- (a) Fire evacuation.
- (b) Tornado watches and warnings.
- (c) Serious accident or injury.
- (d) Water emergencies, if applicable.
- (e) Crisis management including, but not limited to, all of

the following:

- (i) Intruders.
- (ii) Active shooters.
- (iii) Bomb threats.
- (iv) Other man- or woman-caused events.

The emergency plans did not include a plan for the following: bomb threats, and Other man- or woman-caused events.

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R 400.1945

Emergency; plan; drill.

(2) The written plan must include all of the following:

- (a) A plan for evacuation.
- (b) A plan for safely moving children to a relocation site.
- (c) A plan for shelter-in-place.
- (d) A plan for lockdown.
- (e) A plan for contacting parents and reuniting families.
- (f) A plan for continuing operations during or after a disaster.
- (g) A plan for how infants and toddlers will be accommodated in all types of emergencies.
- (h) A plan for how children with special needs will be accommodated in all types of emergencies.
- (i) A plan for how children with chronic medical conditions will be accommodated in all types of emergencies.

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During the exit conference, I provided technical assistance and consultation on the following: hand washing requirements for staff and children.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 8/11/2023. 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, there will be no change to your license status.

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, reading "Chere Riley", is enclosed within a thick black rectangular border.

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