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March 6, 2023

Nicole Switzer  
3586 Riley Thompson Rd.  
Whitehall, MI 49461

RE: License #: DG610383683  
**The Giggle Box Early Learning Academy**  
**3586 Riley Thompson Rd.**  
**Whitehall, MI 49461**

Dear Ms. Switzer:

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](#).

As a result of the renewal inspection on 06/06/2023, I did not find any rule or law violations. You will receive your regular license in the mail.

<b>During calendar year 2022:</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. 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.

Sincerely,

*Amanda Wendell*

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU  
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DG610383683
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Nicole Switzer
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	3586 Riley Thompson Rd. Whitehall, MI 49461
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(231) 893-5708
<b>Licensee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	The Giggle Box Early Learning Academy
<b>Facility Address:</b>	3586 Riley Thompson Rd. Whitehall, MI 49461
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(231) 893-5708
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	09/12/2016
<b>Capacity:</b>	14
<b>Age Range:</b>	Ages Birth Thru 17 years

## II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection(s): 03/06/2023

	No. of Records Reviewed	
No. of children enrolled in care	12	10
No. of assistant caregivers employed	2	2
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	11	
No. of other children present at time of inspection	0	
No. of assistant caregivers present at time of inspection	2	
Licensee present at time of inspection?	Yes	
Persons Interviewed:	Licensee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Assistant Caregivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Approved child use space: Main floor: living room, dining room, kitchen. Lower level: play room

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): Main floor: front door to front yard, side door to breezeway, slider door to back yard. Lower level: stairs to main, french doors to side yard.

Approved variances -  No  Yes Description: Ms. Switzer has a variance to allow for a ratio of one child care staff member per seven children.

Key Indicator Inspection: no

### Additional information:

- Pets? No  Yes  If yes, describe.  
1 dog
- 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

This renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care home 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 home's records, including staff records and children's records. Staff records include background checks, medical clearance information, and training information. Children's records include child information cards and child in care statements/receipts.

At the time of my arrival at the home, Ms. Switzer was present with one child care staff member and eleven child care children. The children were engaging in free play, including imaginative play. The caregivers were engaged with the children. During the inspection, a second child care staff member arrived. In addition to free play, I observed children clean up and participate in circle time. During circle time, one caregiver was playing with an infant. Staff provided appropriate care and supervision.

The facility is in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes.

During the exit conference, technical assistance/consultation was provided regarding the following:

- Ms. Switzer could not locate the certificates for safe sleep/SIDS training for her staff members. She will have them retake the training so they have certificates.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of a regular license to this child care group home (capacity 7-12).

*Amanda Wendell*

03/06/2023

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Amanda Wendell  
Licensing Consultant

Date