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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
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ACTING DIRECTOR

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

**Date of Inspection:** 10/4/2023,  
**Date of Report:** 10/5/2023

Licensee Name(s)	License Number	Capacity
Karen Pankow	DG640387906	12
Facility Name	Program Type	
Karen Pankow	Group Home	
Facility Address	Mailing Address	
2035 W Lever Rd, Hart, MI, 49420	2035 W Lever Rd, Hart, MI, 49420	
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address	
2318732162	karens67@outlook.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.

At the time of the onsite inspection, Karen Pankow was present with two child care children and one related infant. The child care children were watching television and engaged in imaginative play. Karen provided appropriate care and supervision and intervened during disputes between the children. I modeled how to redirect the children and focus on the positive behaviors they exhibited.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact licensing consultant, Amanda Wendell, at (231) 492-5410. In the event that Amanda Wendell is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

<b>Inspection Details</b>		
<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>
372	3	5
<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>
10: 14	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>
3: 3	0: 0	0 : 0
<i>Licensee Interviewed</i>	<i>Child Care Staff Members Interviewed</i>	<i>Pets</i>
Yes		There are two indoor dogs and two outdoor dogs at the home.
<i>Water or Other Hazards</i>	<i>Outdoor Space</i>	
There are no water hazards present.	The outdoor play area is the large fenced-in backyard. There is a swing set/climbing structure and Mutiple other toys for children.	

<b>Documentation of Required Inspections</b>		
<i>Type of Inspection</i> Furnace and water heater inspection	<i>Date of Inspection</i> 4/26/2023	<i>Findings</i> Passed

<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Conclusion</i>
R 400.1920(5)(a)	Outdoor play area and equipment. Not be placed over concrete, asphalt, or a similar surface, such as hard-packed dirt or grass."	There is not adequate surfacing at the end of the slide and around the fall zones of the play structure.	Violation Established
R 400.1941(2)	Heat-producing equipment. Combustible materials and equipment must not be stored within 4 feet of furnaces, other flame or heatproducing equipment, or fuel-fired water heaters.	There were cardboard boxes stored next to the water heater and cardboard boxes found next to the furnace.	Violation Established

R 400.1905(1)	<p>Training. A licensee shall complete not less than 10 clock hours of training each calendar year related to child development, program planning, and administrative management for a child care business, not including CPR, first aid, and infectious disease, including immunizations, training.</p>	<p>Karen did not complete 10 hours of training for 2022.</p>	<p>Repeat Violation Established</p> <p>Reference: : 9/28/2021 :Violation Established;</p>
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<b>Technical Assistance</b>	
<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Rule</i>
R 400.1934(3)	<p>A carbon monoxide detector, bearing a safety certification mark of a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or ETL (Electrotechnical Laboratory), must be placed on all levels approved for child care.</p> <p>The carbon monoxide detector was discovered to be broken at the onsite inspection. Karen will purchase a new one immediately.</p>
R 400.1925(2)(e)	<p>Within the department's child care background check system, accurately complete and maintain the connection, disconnection, or withdrawn status of each individual associated with the license.</p> <p>Two members of the household have moved out. Karen updated her CCBC account the day of the inspection.</p>
R 400.1905(7)	<p>CPR and first aid training certification must be maintained according to the expiration dates on the individual's certification cards.</p> <p>Karen did not complete the in-person skills test for her CPR certification. She will complete this prior to February 2024.</p>
R 400.1915(2)	<p>Only space that has received prior approval for child use by the department may be used for child care.</p>

At the onsite inspection, Karen requested to have the kitchen removed as approved child use space. She will ensure that children do not access it by using current visual barriers (floor transition strip and kitchen island).

**Hours of Operation**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:00 AM To 5:30 PM	5:00 AM To 5:30 PM	5:00 AM To 5:30 PM	5:00 AM To 5:30 PM	5:00 AM To 5:30 PM		

**Bureau Recommendation**

I recommend renewal of this group child care home license.

**Approved By:**

<i>Amanda Wendell</i>			
		10/05/2023	
Amanda Wendell			
<b>Licensing Consultant</b>	<b>Date</b>		