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March 19, 2021

Melinda Merrell
9321 E. Parker Rd.
Laingsburg, MI 48848

RE: License #: DG780383810
Little Paws Preschool
9321 E. Parker Rd.
Laingsburg, MI 48848

Dear Mrs. Merrell:

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 3/18/2021, I did not find any rule or law violations. You will receive your regular license in the mail.

During calendar year 2020:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

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 248-975-5053.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG780383810
Licensee Name:	Melinda Merrell
Licensee Address:	9321 E. Parker Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848
Licensee Telephone #:	
Licensee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Little Paws Preschool
Facility Address:	9321 E. Parker Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 712-9839
Original Issuance Date:	09/23/2016
Capacity:	12
Age Range:	Ages 3 years 0 months Thru 6 years

II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection(s): 03/18/2021

		No. of Records Reviewed
No. of children enrolled in care	20	10
No. of assistant caregivers employed	2	2
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	8	
No. of other children present at time of inspection	0	
No. of assistant caregivers present at time of inspection	1	
Licensee present at time of inspection?	Yes	
Persons Interviewed:		
Licensee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Assistant Caregivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Approved child use space: Mrs. Merrell is approved to use the basement of her home, including the mud room for child care.

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): Exiting from the basement is through the egress window or going directly up the stairs and out the side door.

Approved variances - No Yes Description:

Key Indicator Inspection: No

Additional information:

- Pets? No Yes If yes, describe.
The family has one dog and one cat.
- Hot tubs or spa pool? No Yes If yes, are there appropriate barriers?
- Swimming pool? No Yes If yes, describe pool and barriers.
The ladder to the pool is kept in an upright locked position making it inaccessible to the children.
- 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

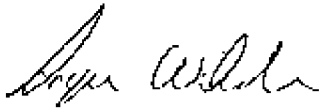
This renewal inspection involved a review of all applicable child care home administrative rules and statutes. Verification of compliance included direct observations of the physical environment and the program, discussions with staff,

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.

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

IV. RECOMMENDATION

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



03/19/2021

Angela Wilhelm
Licensing Consultant

Date