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May 12, 2023

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](#).

During the renewal inspection on 5/2/2023, I found *Two violations*. The violations are listed below and explained in the attached report:

R 400.1905	Training
R 400.1919	Communicable disease; immunization; mental and physical health; physician attestation; tuberculosis.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 5/29/2023. 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, a regular license will be issued. You will receive it in the mail.

During calendar year 2021:	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 517-284-9730.

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
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG780383810
Licensee Name:	Melinda Merrell
Licensee Address:	9321 E. Parker Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 712-9839
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): 05/02/2023

	No. of Records Reviewed	
No. of children enrolled in care	28	12
No. of assistant caregivers employed	1	1
No. of child care children present at time of inspection	9	
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.
Mrs. Merrell has three dogs that are not in the childcare area.
- Hot tubs or spa pool? No Yes If yes, are there appropriate barriers?
- Swimming pool? No Yes If yes, describe pool and barriers.
The pool is not used during childcare hours and has a locked gate around it with no access for children during childcare hours.
- 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.

During the inspection, the child care home was found to be in compliance with all applicable rules and statutes except for the following violations:

R 400.1905 Training

(9) When the department of licensing and regulatory affairs or the department of education publishes a notice that a new health and safety update document or a new health and safety update training activity has been published on MiRegistry, the licensee shall ensure that all personnel read and acknowledge the document or complete the activity within 6 months of the notice.

Mrs. Merrell has not completed the Health and Safety Refresher training from 2022.

R 400.1919 Communicable disease; immunization; mental and physical health; physician attestation; tuberculosis.

(3) An applicant, licensee, child care staff member, child care assistant, and a member of the household who is age 14 or older shall provide written evidence of freedom from communicable tuberculosis (TB) prior to caring for children or living in the child care home.

Mrs. Merrell's child who is over the age of 14 did not have written evidence of freedom from communicable tuberculosis on file.

Technical assistance was provided to Mrs. Merrell regarding emergency procedures must be updated and have all elements added to them.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable Corrective Action Plan, I recommend issuance of a regular license to this childcare group home (capacity 7- 12).

Angela Histed

05/12/2023

Angela Histed
Licensing Consultant

Date