

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU

In the matter of

License #: DF700403141

SIR #: SI-00156670

Stephanie Williams

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ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSE

The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, by Division Director Erika Bigelow and Bureau Director Courtney Adams, Child Care Licensing Bureau, hereafter referred to as “the Bureau,” orders the summary suspension and provides notice of the intent to revoke the license of Licensee, Stephanie Williams, to operate a family child care home pursuant to the authority of the Child Care Organizations Act, 1973 PA 116, as amended, MCL 722.111 et seq., for the following reasons:

1. On or about June 29, 2020, Licensee was issued a license to operate a family child care home with a current licensed capacity of seven at 2632 Juniper Avenue, Holland, Michigan 49424.
2. Prior to the issuance of the license, and during subsequent modifications of the statutes and rules, Licensee received copies of the Child Care Organizations Act, the licensing rule book for family and group child care homes , and the Child Protection Law. These rules and statutes are posted and available for download at www.michigan.gov/mileap.

3. Licensee failed to provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times and is not conducive to the welfare of children. Specifically:
- a. On June 11, 2026, at 8:36 a.m., Child A, age 3 years, arrived at the child care home. According to Licensee, Child A did not have any visible injuries during the morning.
 - b. On June 11, 2026, at approximately 3:00 p.m., after Child A woke from his nap, Licensee placed him at the outside picnic table on the back deck while she attended to other children inside the home. Child A was alone and unsupervised while on the deck area.
 - c. On June 11, 2026, after attending to the other children inside the home, Licensee went out to the back deck with Child A.
 - d. On June 11, 2026, at 3:22 p.m., Licensee texted Child A's Mother the following message: "[Child A] wiped out pretty good and had a bloody nose. He's totally fine, no tears. And is back to running."
 - e. On June 11, 2026, Child A's Mother arrived at Licensee's home and observed numerous injuries to Child A's face, ears, neck, and other parts of his body. Child A told Child A's Mother that he fell off a caterpillar tunnel toy. The caterpillar toy is a toy structure used for playing, climbing, and crawling. It sits on the floor/ground and measures approximately 59 inches long and 47 inches tall at its highest point.
 - f. On June 11, 2026, Child A's Mother took Child A to Corewell Health Zeeland Emergency Room for a physical examination and CT scan, and Child A had the following injuries:

- i. Swollen bruised ear;
 - ii. Abrasions to neck, chest, arms, and legs;
 - iii. Bruising and swelling to forehead;
 - iv. Swollen left eyelid;
 - v. Suspected blood behind tympanic membrane of left ear; and
 - vi. Frontal scalp soft tissue swelling and/or hematoma.
- g. On June 15, 2026, [REDACTED], a physician at the Center for Child Protection at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, completed a medical examination of Child A and diagnosed the following injuries:
- i. Bruising to right side of forehead;
 - ii. Abrasion to left side of forehead;
 - iii. Multiple abrasions around left eye;
 - iv. Bruising to left cheek;
 - v. Abrasions to left cheek;
 - vi. Abrasion on left upper lip;
 - vii. Bruising to most of outer left ear;
 - viii. Bruising and abrasion behind left ear;
 - ix. Abrasion on right upper cheek under right eye;
 - x. Bruising to left hand near base of thumb; and
 - xi. Abrasions to right side of neck.

In his report signed June 17, 2026, [REDACTED] indicated that a single falling event would not be expected to cause injuries to the multiple planes of his right neck, left ear, and both sides of this face. He explained that ear

bruising is not common from accidental events and has been shown to be more associated with inflicted rather than accidental injury. [REDACTED] concluded, "In summary, the totality of [Child A]'s injuries would not be explained by a single short fall from which he sustained a nosebleed. The absence of an explanation for the other injuries raises concern for physical abuse, or additional accidents that were not witnessed or disclosed." A diagnosis of suspected child physical abuse was given.

- h. On June 17, 2026, Child Care Licensing Consultant Kristal DeLuca, accompanied by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Worker Jesus Garcia, Child Care Licensing Consultant Brooke Morris, and Ottawa County Sheriff's Department Detective McGregor, conducted an on-site investigation at Licensee's home. During the visit, Licensee made the following statements:
 - i. Licensee stated that she did not observe any injuries on Child A during the morning of June 11, 2026, and that he had no memorable falls or accidents that morning.
 - ii. Licensee stated that she did not see how Child A received his injuries. She explained that she was inside the house tending to the other children while Child A was on the back deck alone and without supervision. She acknowledged that when she went outside, she saw "road rash scratches" on his eye and a "speck" of blood near his nose. She denied seeing any of the other injuries to

his body at that time. She felt Child A's injuries were normal and explained that she sees injuries on children all the time.

- iii. Licensee acknowledged that she did not provide any medical attention or care to Child A after she noticed he was injured.

Licensee could not provide a plausible explanation for Child A's injuries.

- 4. Licensee failed to maintain the outdoor play area in a clean, safe, and hazard-free condition. On June 17, 2026, during the on-site investigation, there were large holes and divots in the ground in the back yard. The brick firepit was uncovered with no barriers, leaving it accessible to children. A stack of cement pavers was near the stairs to the deck that posed a hazard to children. The propane grill was uncovered and accessible to children.
- 5. Licensee failed to ensure that all play equipment with a play surface over 30 inches is not placed on a hard surface and at least six feet away from other obstacles. On June 17, 2026, Kristal DeLuca observed two slide and climbing play structures on the wooden back deck of the home. Both pieces of equipment were more than 30 inches from the ground. One of the structures was within six feet of the deck rails.
- 6. Licensee failed to ensure that all persons who required a background check were processed for eligibility to work in a child care home. During the on-site inspection on June 17, 2026, Licensee told Kristal DeLuca that Witness 1 comes to the home daily and provides care to minor household members. Licensee acknowledged that Witness 1 has had unsupervised contact with the child care

children and sometimes provides care to them such as changing their diapers.

Witness 1 has not completed a comprehensive background check and has not been found eligible to work in a child care home.

COUNT I

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraphs 3(a) through 3(h) above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1911

(1) A licensee shall ensure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

COUNT II

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraphs 3(a) through 3(h) above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1903

(5) The licensee shall ensure that all personnel, members of the household, and conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to the welfare of children.

NOTE:

MCL 722.115m

(14) As used in this section:

(b) "Conducive to the welfare of the children" means:

(i) The service and facility comply with this act and the administrative rules promulgated under this act.

(ii) The disposition, temperament, condition, and action of the applicant, licensee, licensee designee, program director, child care staff member, and member of the

household promote the safety and well-being of the children served.

COUNT III

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1920

(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.

COUNT IV

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraph 6 above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1903

(7) The licensee shall cooperate with the department by ensuring that all individuals requiring a comprehensive background check are entered into the child care background check system and processed for eligibility as required by section 5n of the act, MCL 722.115n, and R 400.1925.

NOTE:

R

400.1925

(1) Pursuant to section 5n of the act, MCL 722.115n, prior to an individual having any unsupervised contact with children, the department shall determine the individual's eligibility to be any of the following:

(e) An unsupervised volunteer.

COUNT V

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraph 5 above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1920

(5) When swings, climbers, slides, and other similar play equipment with a designated play surface above 30 inches are used, they must:

(a) Not be placed over concrete, asphalt, or a similar surface, such as hard-packed dirt or grass.

(c) Be placed at least 6 feet from the perimeter of other play structures or obstacles.

COUNT VI

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraphs 3(a) through 3(h) above, provides grounds for revocation pursuant to:

MCL 722.115m

(2) ...If the department determines that a service, facility, applicant, licensee, child care staff member, or member of the household is not conducive to the welfare of the children, the department shall deny that application or revoke that licensee's license according to section 11.

DUE TO THE serious nature of the above violations and the potential risk it represents to vulnerable children in Licensee's care, emergency action is required.

Therefore, the provision of MCL 24.292 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, as amended, is invoked. Licensee is hereby notified that the license to operate a family child care home is summarily suspended.

EFFECTIVE 6:00 p.m., on June 30, 2026, Licensee is ordered not to operate a family child care home at 2632 Juniper Avenue, Holland, Michigan 49424, or at any other location or address. Licensee is not to receive children for care after that time or date. Licensee is responsible for informing parents or guardians of children in care that license has been suspended and that Licensee can no longer provide care.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE Department has summarily suspended Licensee's license, an administrative hearing will be promptly scheduled before an administrative law judge. Licensee MUST NOTIFY the Department and the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules in writing within seven calendar days after receipt of this Notice if Licensee wishes to appeal the summary suspension and attend the administrative hearing. The written request must be submitted via email, fax, or mail to:

Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules
611 West Ottawa Street, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139
Phone: 517-335-7519
FAX: 517-763-0155
MOAHR-BSD@michigan.gov

MCL 24.272 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969 permits the Department to proceed with the administrative hearing even if Licensee does not appear. Licensee may be represented by an attorney at the administrative hearing.

Pursuant to MCL 722.125(4), if a person or organization has a license revoked, denied, or refused renewal, the Bureau may prohibit that person or organization from being issued a license and/or being connected, directly or indirectly, with a licensed facility for five years after the date of revocation, denial, or refusal to renew.

DATED: 07/30/2026



Erika Bigelow, Division Director
Child Care Licensing Bureau

DATED: 07/30/2026



Courtney Adams, Bureau Director
Child Care Licensing Bureau

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