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August 6, 2019

Allison Lowry
Tri-County Council For Child Development
775 Hazen Street
Paw Paw, MI 49079

RE: Application #: DC110400440
River of Life Head Start
671 McAllister Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and rules. Therefore, a original license with a maximum capacity of 40 is issued.

Please review the attached documentation for accuracy and 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 (616) 356-0183.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Davida McShan".

Davida McShan, Licensing Consultant
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC110400440
Applicant Name:	Tri-County Council For Child Development
Applicant Address:	775 Hazen Street Paw Paw, MI 49079
Applicant Telephone #:	(800) 792-0366
Licensee/Designee:	Allison Lowry, Designee
Name of Facility:	River of Life Head Start
Facility Address:	671 McAllister Street Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Facility Telephone #:	
Application Date:	06/24/2019
Capacity:	40
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. METHODOLOGY

05/28/2019	Inspection Completed-Lead Hazard Risk Assessment-Approved
06/24/2019	Enrollment
06/26/2019	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : A
07/01/2019	Contact - Document Sent Rule & Act booklets; MI Child Care Matters
07/01/2019	Application Incomplete Letter Sent IRS ltr
07/01/2019	Inspection Completed On-site
07/02/2019	Contact - Document Received IRS; 001 for Allison (LD)
07/02/2019	Application Complete/On-site Needed
07/08/2019	Contact - Document Received App in GR
07/10/2019	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety : A
07/12/2019	Contact - Document Sent File to Kzoo

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Description of Facility

River of Life Head Start is located inside River of Life Church in the city of Benton Harbor. The head start program will be utilizing two classrooms in the building.

Approved space (room numbers, sizes, capacity and ages of children for which each room/well-defined space is approved, etc.):

Room 17: measured 37 ft. x 23 ft. for a total of 851 square feet. Based on the 35 square feet per child, this provides for a total of 24 children. The center is requesting a total of 20 preschool children ages 2 ½ to 5 years.

Room 21: measured 39 ft. x 23 ft. for a total of 897 square feet. Based on the 35 square feet per child, this provides for a total of 26 children. The center is requesting a total of 20 preschool children ages 2 ½ to 5 years.

Equipment: The classrooms are furnished with a variety of developmentally appropriate equipment for the children to use; which supports the capacity of 40 preschool children. There are different areas of interest available for use; which include: blocks, dramatic play, sensory, manipulatives, books, puzzles, creative art and gross motor.

Number of sinks and toilets: Room 17 has one sink and two toilets. Room 21 has one sink and two toilets. The children in care also have access to a men's bathroom with one sink and one toilet and a women's bathroom with one sink and one toilet. There is a total of four sinks and six toilets; which supports the center capacity of 40 preschool children.

Outdoor play area - location, fenced or not, water hazards: The outdoor play area is completely fenced in and located directly outside rooms 17 and 21. There are no water hazards on the premise.

Documentation if a lead hazard risk assessment was required and the results: The lead hazard risk assessment was completed on 05/28/2019. There were no lead risk concerns noted.

Documentation of playground safety: A playground safety inspection was not completed as there is currently no equipment that requires one. Equipment will be installed on a later date and the center will provide a playground inspection at that time. Children in care currently have adequate outdoor play equipment such as balls, push toys, gross motor and sensory toys that supports the capacity of 40 preschool children.

B. Program Description

Ages of children served: The River of Life Head Start will provide the Head Start Program to children ages 2 1/2 years through age 5.

Proposed days and hours of operation: The center will operate, Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Full or part time (AM or PM sessions or both): The River of Life Head Start Program will run full time.

Other program components - transportation, swimming, food service:

Transportation will be provided by Tri-County Head Start.

Lunch will be prepared off site by an approved kitchen owned and operated by Tri-County Head Start and transported to the center. An AM and PM snack of prepackaged and ready to eat snacks will be provided by the center.

A swimming program is not offered at this time.

Name of program director and under what rules the program director is qualified:

Amber Oakley has the appropriate educational qualifications to meet the requirements of licensing rules R800.113(9)(a) and (13).

Heaven Penley has the appropriate educational qualifications to meet the requirements of licensing rules R800.113(9)(c) and (13).

Is there a central administrator that meets the administrative requirement? A central administrator is not required.

Explanation of variance(s), if any: There are no variances.

C. Rule/Statutory Violations

The River of Life Head Start is in compliance with the applicable administrative rules and licensing statuses.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of an original license to this child care center.

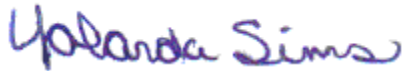


08/06/2019

Davida McShan
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



08/06/2019

Yolanda Sims
Area Manager

Date