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**REDACTED REPORT**

12/18/2023

Litzy Greening  
10957 Houvener Rd,  
Delton, MI, 49046

License Number: DG080411038  
Special Investigation Number: SI-00078558

Dear Litzy Greening,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing bureau received a complaint against your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The allegations were related to the following:

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.1913(3)	Personnel shall not do any of the following: Hit, spank, shake, bite, pinch or inflict other forms of corporal punishment.

The details of the allegations are in the attached report. To investigate the allegations:

- I interviewed: licensee, child care staff member, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 10/25/2023

As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

<b>During this special investigation:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please review this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Jennifer Blake at 269-615-5347 or [blakej2@michigan.gov](mailto:blakej2@michigan.gov). In the event that Jennifer Blake is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Blake, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU**

**Report Type:** Special Investigation Report

**Date of Report:** 12/18/2023

<b>Special Investigation Number</b>	<b>Complaint/Incident Receipt Date</b>
SI-00078558	8/28/2023
<b>Investigation Initiation Date</b>	<b>Report Due Date</b>
10/23/2023	12/22/2023
<b>License Number</b>	<b>Licensee Name(s)</b>
DG080411038	Litzy Greening
<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>
12	Greening Country Daycare
<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>
Group Home	10957 Houvener Rd, Delton, MI, 49046
<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>Facility Email Address</b>
10957 Houvener Rd, Delton, MI, 49046	litzy31@gmail.com
<b>Facility Phone Number</b>	<b>License Status:</b>
3476039631	Regular
<b>Original License Issuance Date</b>	<b>License Expiration Date:</b>
2/28/2022	8/30/2024
<b>License Effective Date:</b>	
8/31/2022	

**ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>	
On 08/28/2023, appropriate discipline was not used when Child A came home from the child care home with scratches on her side and ear, and a hand print mark on her buttocks.		No

**METHODOLOGY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
10/23/2023	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00078558
10/25/2023	Contact – Document Received Received Photos of Child A's injuries (three photos) and screenshots of text message conversations between Child A's Mother and Licensee Litzy Greening.
10/25/2023	Contact – Document Received

	Received email from Licensee Litzy Greening with Child A's Incident Report from 8/28/2023
10/25/2023	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site 1:00PM - 2:30PM onsite with Barry County Sheriffs Office [REDACTED] Interview with License Litzy Greening and CCSM 1
10/26/2023	Contact – Document Received Email received from Licensee Litzy Greening with recording of voicemail from Child A's Father.
10/30/2023	Contact – Document Received Email from [REDACTED] with notes from Child A's Interview
11/8/2023	Contact – Document Received Email received from [REDACTED] stating that a request for polygraphs for Litzy Greening and AHM 1 had been made.
11/14/2023	Contact – Telephone Call Made Conference with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
11/16/2023	Contact – Phone Call Received Interview with Child A's Mother and Child A's Father. [REDACTED]

**ALLEGATION:** On 08/28/2023, appropriate discipline was not used, when Child A came home from the child care home with scratches on her side and ear, and a hand print mark on her buttocks.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 10/23/2023, I received the complaint regarding Child A. I was contacted by [REDACTED] who explained that a Barry County Sherriff's Office deputy was interviewing Child A's Mother and Child A's Father about an unrelated incident, when Child A's Mother disclosed that on 08/28/2023, Child A came home from Litzy Greening's child care home with unexplained injuries. [REDACTED] sent three photos of Child A's injuries. One photo showed small scratches and scrapes behind a child's ears, one photo showed approximately five- to six-inch-long scratches on the side of a child's abdomen that appeared to be covered with red and blue marker and the last photo was a child's buttock with what appears to be a handprint and red and blue marker around the area. None of the photos showed Child A's face or any identifying features to confirm if it was Child A.

On 10/25/2023, a forensic interview was completed with Child A. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present for the interview. During the

interview, Child A did not confirm that Litzzy Greening has ever hit her. Child A was shown the photos, which she identified as herself, however she did not confirm where the injuries happened, or who injured her. Child A was asked who put the markers on her body, which she stated "poppy." Child A's Mother confirmed that Child A calls Child A's Father "Poppy."

On 10/25/2023, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection with Michigan [REDACTED] and Barry County Sheriff's Office [REDACTED]. During the inspection we interviewed Licensee Litzzy Greening and Child Care Staff Member (CCSM) 1.

[REDACTED] asked Litzzy Greening if she was aware of any reason that someone may make a complaint against her facility. Litzzy Greening reported that she had recently, terminated Child A's care after an altercation that occurred between Child A's Father and a neighbor down the road. The following day after care was terminated, Litzzy Greening stated, Child A's Mother and Child A's Father started "attacking" them and being "threatening." Litzzy Greening explained that Child A's Father had been invited to use their property to hunt, and upon leaving, Child A's Father had parked on their road near a neighbor's driveway. When the neighbor returned home, they questioned Child A's Father on what he was doing, and Child A's Father shined a spotlight towards the neighbor. The neighbor and Child A's Father exchanged words, and there was a confrontation. Litzzy Greening and CCSM 1 explained that they did not want any issues with their neighbors, and felt they needed to address this with Child A's Father. When Child A's Mother and Father were questioned about the altercation, they became "defensive" and "threatening" which led Litzzy Greening to decide it would be best to terminate Child A's care.

[REDACTED] asked Litzzy Greening how any injuries that occurred at the child care home was documented, and Litzzy Greening explained that she will record injuries on an injury report as well as communicate with the child's parents through her phone application she uses to communicate with child care families. Litzzy Greening was asked if she could recall any injuries to Child A that stood out to her, and she explained they had been on a walk one day in August when Child A walked ahead and climbed under a bush. Child A's Mother contacted Litzzy Greening that evening to ask about scratches on Child A's side and ears, which Litzzy Greening saw the following morning then completed an injury report for documentation. Litzzy Greening denied Child A complaining about the scratches or injuries on that day. The injury report was recovered and provided, which documented a date of 08/28/2023, stating injuries under arm, and behind ears that occurred when "Child A ran into a rose and autumn olive bush." The injury report was signed by Child A's Mother. During the walk on 08/28/2023, Litzzy Greening was with Child A and two other children, CCSM 1 was at the home with the infants that were present that day.

[REDACTED] asked Litzzy Greening to explain her discipline practices, to which she explained that she uses positive discipline and redirects children. If it is dangerous, she will say "no, and redirect a child, however she does not

use physical discipline. The child care home's discipline policy reflected positive discipline will be used in the home and that prohibited methods will not be used. Litzy Greening denied using physical discipline on her own children as well. [REDACTED] asked if AHM 1 uses physical discipline on their children, Litzy Greening denied.

[REDACTED] asked Litzy Greening about the communication between her and Child A's Mother specifically on 08/28/2023 regarding any incidents that occurred or the injuries that occurred at the child care home. Litzy Greening allowed her cell phone and text messages to be reviewed and documented by [REDACTED]. Litzy Greening recalled that Child A's Mother had asked about Child A using marker on herself, specifically on "her butt" that Litzy Greening could not recall how or when Child A drew on herself. Child A's Mother had not sent Litzy Greening any photos of the injuries however, Litzy Greening stated that she saw the "large scratch" that was on Child A's side under her arm the following morning and thought of when Child A climbed under the bush, so she documented the injury.

Litzy Greening was shown the photo of the scratches on a child's ears and side. Litzy Greening denied that these were the scratches on Child A's side she saw the morning of 08/29/2023 however she stated that Child A could have gotten the pictured scratches from being under the bush on their walk and the branches.

Litzy Greening was shown the photo of what appears to be a handprint on a child's buttock. Litzy Greening immediately was upset by the photo and denied seeing this injury on Child A on 08/28/2023 or on the morning of 08/29/2023. Litzy Greening reported that she helps Child A go to the bathroom and felt that she would have seen this injury.

Litzy Greening was asked if either injury pictured happened at the child care center, or if she was responsible for the injuries. Lizzy Greening stated that Child A could have received scratches from being under the bush, but stated there was "absolutely no way" the injury on the bottom happened at the child care home. [REDACTED] asked if there was any way that CCSM 1 could have been responsible for the injuries, Litzy Greening denied.

CCSM 1 reported that he was familiar with the incident that occurred between the neighbor and Child A's Father. He denied Litzy Greening spansks or hits children, or spanking his own children or any children that attend the child care home. CCSM 1 reported that positive discipline and conversations are used with children adding that he "almost never" disciplines a child. CCSM 1 reported that on one occasion Child A came into the child home stating she had been "hit by a belt" but he could not recall any injuries that happened at the child care home.

On 11/03/2023, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I conducted telephone interviews with Child B's Mother and Child C's mother. A message was left for Child D's Mother and Child E's Mother. A return call was not received by the end of the investigation. Child B's Mother reported that they have been at the child care home for

the last two years and during that time she has had no concerns regarding discipline. Child B's Mother has witnessed Litzy Greening redirect children, and send information to all child care parents on positive discipline practices. Child B's Mother stated that she "does not want 'Child B' anywhere else," stating that Child B "loves" being there and talks about going back every day.

Child C's Mother reported that her family "can't say enough" about Litzy Greening stating that she had never had any issues with the discipline at the child care center and she would not want her children attending any other facility. Child C's Mother added that she is a mandated reporter and has "never see anything that would mandate me speaking up."

On 11/16/2023, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I conducted an interview with Child A's Mother and Child A's Father. Child A's Mother stated that she had not previously had concerns regarding the care and supervision of the child care home, describing Litzy Greening "like family" to her. On 08/28/2023, Child A's Mother stated that she was bathing Child A and noticed the "scratches and marker on her ears, side and a mark on her bottom." Child A's Mother asked Child A about it however Child A put her head down and stated that "she did not know." Child A would not answer, and Child A's Mother stated that she did not pressure her. Child A's Mother sent a text message to Litzy Greening regarding the marks which they spoke about the following morning. [REDACTED] reviewed both Child A's Mother's phone and Litzy Greening's phone text message conversations and confirmed that she did not observe anything on either phone specifically stating the handprint marking on Child A's buttock. Child A's Father could not recall when he first saw the marks on Child A, or when he was told about the marks on Child A. Child A's Mother and Father explained that the marks "should have reported sooner," however Child A's Mother was "friends" with Litzy Greening, so they did not "think anything of the marks until recently."

I had a telephone conference with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 11/14/2023 [REDACTED] investigation is pending the Barry County Sherriff's Office investigation.

At the conclusion of the investigation, The Barry County Sheriffs Office's investigation is still open. If additional allegations or findings are concluded, an additional investigation may be required.

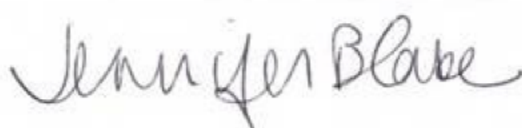
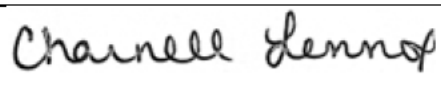
**RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:**

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1913(3)(a)	Personnel shall not do any of the following: Hit, spank, shake, bite, pinch or inflict other forms of corporal punishment.
ANALYSIS:	Litzy Greening's discipline policy stated that prohibited methods will not be used. CCSM 1 denied Litzy Greening spanks or hits

	children and Child B's Mother and Child C's Mother reported no concerns with discipline.
CONCLUSION:	<b>Violation Not Established</b>

**BUREAU RECOMMENDATION**

<b>Bureau Recommendation</b>
I recommend no change in the status of the license.

<b>Approved By:</b>			
			
Jennifer Blake <b>Consultant</b>	12/18/2023 <b>Date</b>	Charnell Lennox <b>Area Manager</b>	12/18/2023 <b>Date</b>