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June 1, 2023

Todd Wedyke
Education Station LLC
420 Misty Ridge Drive
Middleville, MI 49333

RE: License #: DC030393655
Investigation #: 2023D0248012
Education Station

Dear Mr. Wedyke:

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division received information regarding your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The information was related to the following:

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements.

R 400.8140(1) Discipline.

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

- I interviewed the program director, child care staff members and parents.
- I completed an on-site inspection on the following date: 4/20/2023.

As a result of this investigation, I found the following violation(s):

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements.

R 400.8140(1) Discipline.

I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 6/20/2023. 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.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	☐	☒
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	☐	☒

This report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. This report and any related corrective action plans will be online for parents to review under the [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#).

Please review the enclosed 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 (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,



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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC030393655
Investigation #:	2023D0248012
Complaint Receipt Date:	04/17/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	04/20/2023
Report Due Date:	06/16/2023
Licensee Name:	Education Station LLC
Licensee Address:	420 Misty Ridge Dr Middleville, MI 49333
Licensee Telephone #:	(616) 329-3551
Administrator:	Todd Wedyke, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Todd Wedyke, Designee
Name of Facility:	Education Station
Facility Address:	863 East Superior Street Wayland, MI 49348
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 792-1230
Original Issuance Date:	10/29/2018
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	03/06/2023
Expiration Date:	03/05/2025
Capacity:	131
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child Care Staff Member 1 pulled a chair from under Child A after she would not get down, causing her to fall.	Yes
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

04/17/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0248012
04/17/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone interview with Child A's Mother
04/20/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site 10:45am Interview with Program Director Yvonne Pardee and Child Care Staff Member 2 and Child Care Staff Member 3. Left Message for Child Care Staff Member 1
05/30/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Child B's Mother, Child C's Mother and Child D's Mother Left Message for Child Care Staff Member 1
05/31/2023	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
05/31/2023	Exit Conference Program Director Yvonne Pardee

ALLEGATION: Child Care Staff Member 1 pulled a chair from under Child A after she would not get down, causing her to fall.

INVESTIGATION: On 04/17/2023, I received an email from Program Director Yvonne Pardee informing me that Child A (18 months) was standing on a chair, and after being asked to get down many times, Child Care Staff Member 1 (CCSM) went up behind her, said, "is this mean," and pulled the chair out from underneath the child. Ms. Pardee added that Child A caught herself on the table and was not injured. After Ms. Pardee was notified of the incident and CCSM 1's employment was immediately terminated. Ms. Pardee sent the required incident report to the department that same day.

On 04/17/2023, I contacted Child A's Mother, who reported that she was aware of the incident, and reported that she did not have concerns since CCSM 1 was immediately terminated and Child A was not injured. Child A's Mother felt the center notified her and handled the situation properly. This was the first incident that has occurred that Child A's Mother felt was "questionable," and reported that the center provides good care.

On 04/20/2023, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at 10:45am and interviewed Program Director Yvonne Pardee, CCSM 2 and CCSM 3.

Ms. Pardee stated that following the incident she asked CCSM 1 if she had pulled the chair from Child A, and asked why. CCSM 1 confirmed that she had pulled the chair, and her reason was, "to scare" Child A. Ms. Pardee spoke with both CCSM 2 and CCSM 3 who were in the room at the time, and stated that she got different stories from them with CCSM 2 saying CCSM 1 had an arm around Child A, and CCSM 3 saying there was not an arm around Child A when the chair had been pulled out. I reviewed a copy of the center's discipline policy, and I went into the toddler room to inspect the chair that Child A was standing on. The chair was a toddler sized chair, measuring 10 inches from the ground to the sitting surface that Child A had been standing on.

I interviewed CCSM 2, who reported that she was sitting down with other children on the day of the incident, and Child A was playing and climbing up on the chair. At first, Child A was climbing up and sitting on the chair, then she started to stand on the chair. All three staff in the room were watching Child A and had asked her to get down multiple times. CCSM 1 went over to her and "grabbed one arm around her stomach" than said "would it be funny if did this..." then pulled the chair out. CCSM 2 added that Child A did cry saying the incident was enough to startle her. CCSM 2 reported that the normal discipline practices in the toddler room are to talk to children, separate any children having issues, or to sit down and distract the children from what is upsetting them. CCSM 2 reported that she had no other concerns with CCSM 1.

CCSM 3 reported that she was sitting across the room from Child A and CCSM 1 on the day of the incident and saw Child A climbing the chair. After asking Child A to get down, and CCSM 2 saying, “that is not safe.” CCSM 1 walked over to Child A and said, “would this be mean,” then “jerked” the chair back. Child A caught herself with her hands on the table, but her feet were still on the chair. CCSM 3 did not recall if Child A cried but added that CCSM 1 was laughing about the incident. CCSM 3 reported that staff will use redirection and talking to the children at their level for discipline, but there is minimal discipline for toddler aged children. There were no concerns regarding CCSM 1 prior to the incident.

On 05/30/2023, I interviewed Child B’s Mother, Child C’s Mother and Child D’s Mother. All parents reported that they had no concerns with the care and supervision provided by the center, or the discipline.

On 04/17/2023 and on 05/30/2023, I attempted to contact CCSM 1. I did not receive a return call by the completion of the investigation.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8125	Staff; volunteer; requirements.
	(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	On 04/17/2023, CCSM 1 did not provide appropriate care and supervision to Child A when she pulled a chair out from underneath her in an attempt to get her to get off the chair.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8140	Discipline.
	(1) Positive methods of discipline that encourage self-control, self-direction, self-esteem, and cooperation must be used.
ANALYSIS:	On 04/17/2023, CCSM 1 did not use positive methods of discipline with Child A when she pulled a chair out from underneath her in an attempt to get her to get off the chair.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in license status.



06/01/2023

Jennifer Blake
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



06/01/2023

Yolanda Sims
Area Manager

Date