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7/18/2024

The Breakie Bunch Day Care, Inc.
4440 Walton Blvd.,
Waterford, MI, 48329

License Number: DC250411192
Special Investigation Number: SI-00123244

Dear The Breakie Bunch Day Care, Inc.,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division 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 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
R 400.8158(3)	A licensee, licensee designee, or program director shall report to the department, via phone, fax, or email, within 24 hours of notification by a parent that a child received medical treatment or was hospitalized for an injury, accident, or medical condition that occurred while the child was in care.

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

- I interviewed: Program director, child care staff members, and parents with relevant information.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 5/22/2024, 5/23/2024 and 6/12/2024.

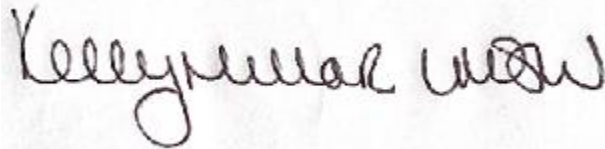
Violations were found, an acceptable corrective action plan was received. I recommend no change to license status.

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 this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Kelly Millar at (989) 385-6683 or millark@michigan.gov. In the event that Kelly Millar is not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Kelly Millar, LMSW, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 6/13/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00123244	05/20/2024
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
5/20/2024	07/21/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DC250411192	The Breakie Bunch Day Care, Inc.
Facility Name	Licensee Designee(s)
The Breakie Bunch Learning Center	Laura Beth Breakie-Graybill
Program Type	Central Administrator(s)
Center	
Capacity	Program Director(s) Name
108	
Facility Address	Mailing Address
8071 S State Road, Goodrich, MI, 48438	4440 Walton Blvd., Waterford, MI, 48329
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address
8106369080	hello@thebreakiebunch.com
Original License Issuance Date	License Status:
1/13/2022	Regular
License Effective Date:	License Expiration Date:
7/13/2022	7/12/2024

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?	
Program director did not file an incident report regarding a child being injured/seeking medical attention.	Yes	
Child A was hit in the head with a rock while they were playing outside.	Yes	

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
5/20/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00123244
5/21/2024	Contact – Document Sent Email to licensing consultant.
5/21/2024	Contact – Phone Call Received Telephone call with Child A's mother interview conducted.
5/21/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made

	Attempted telephone call with Child A's mother, voicemail left requesting a call back.
5/21/2024	Contact – Document Received Received an email back from consultant.
5/22/2024	Contact – Document Received Received an email from PD1 with additional information.
5/22/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site 5/22/2024 9:57 AM-10:36 AM Unannounced onsite inspection at facility. Interviewed CCSM 1, and CCSM 2.
5/22/2024	Contact – Document Received Received an email from PD1 with documentation.
5/22/2024	Contact – Document Received Received an email from PD1 with additional information.
5/22/2024	Contact – Document Sent Email to PD1, requesting additional information.
5/23/2024	Contact – Face to Face 5/23/2024 9:52 Am 10:35 AM Unannounced onsite inspection at facility. Interviewed CCSM 3, and PD1,
6/11/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Attempted telephone call with Child B's mother, voicemail left requesting a call back.
6/11/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone call with Child E's mother, interview conducted.
6/11/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone call with Child D's mother, interview conducted.
6/11/2024	Contact – Phone Call Received Telephone call with Child B's mother, interview conducted.
6/11/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Attempted telephone call with Child C's mother, voicemail left requesting a call back.
6/12/2024	Exit Conference Onsite exit conference with licensee, reviewed findings and completed corrective action plan.

ALLEGATION: Child A was hit in the head with a rock while they were playing outside. We were told the cut was pretty deep and wasn't sure if it would require stitches as they couldn't stop the bleeding.

INVESTIGATION:

On May 21, 2024, I interviewed Child A's mother. The child care initially called her husband stating he had been hit in the head with a rock, and that they were not sure if it had been thrown or he was hit with a rock. It was a pretty significant cut on the head they reported. They had cleaned it but told them they could not get it to stop bleeding. They suggested someone come and take him to the doctor as they were not sure if it would need stitches. On the way to the center, they received another call stating he was lethargic and not answering questions correctly. They offered to call an ambulance, but they were close to the center, so they said no. When they got there, he seemed okay. They took him to Hurley Pediatric Emergency Room. They glued the cut instead of giving him stitches. He has returned to daycare, not that day but he has returned. They are concerned they are not watching him properly he has been injured quite a bit there. They understand biting happens at the age group he is in but he has been bit on numerous occasions. They estimate he has been bitten at least seventy times. In a six-month period at least forty times. The bites seem to be harder and closer to his eye. They believe something has to be going on for that to be happening as many times as it is. There was a time they saw a child wandering in the parking lot. They told someone inside and they ran outside and said, "oh my goodness it is so and so." That was about six or eight months ago that it happened. They have brought the biting to the teacher's attention and the program directors' attention. The teachers seem more responsive to their concerns, the program director basically just said biting happens. They understand it happens but is excessive. They will continue to send their child there because unfortunately it is the only daycare they can afford at this time. Sometimes it feels like they are not changing diapers enough, they talked to the teacher who said she was working with her other staff to make sure they are changing diapers frequently. He attends the child care Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM until 5:30 PM most days. He is in the preschool prep room and just moved there and feels like it was due to his being bitten in the face again in his old room.

On May 22, 2024, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at The Breakie Bunch. The program director was not present at this time. CCSM 1 called her via telephone, and I spoke with her. She is currently taking the bus to be checked. CCSM 1 should be able to help/provide anything needed. I interviewed CCSM 1 who reports she was at the center the day the incident happened and handled most of it as the other teacher has less experience than her. She is the lead in her classroom. She was in her classroom when she saw the teacher walk past window with Child A. She noticed he was bleeding and she walked out of her classroom to see if she could help with anything. She had enough staff in her classroom to assist CCSM 2. She sent CCSM 2 back to her kids on the playground and took over. She was able to control the bleeding with pressure. It did stop and she put an ice pack on it as well. She called dad first and then mom. She also sent a message in the app to mom with a picture so they could see the injury. The dad had already called the mom when she called the mom. He was acting fine at that time. She did end up calling mom back and told her he seemed lethargic and asked her if she wanted an ambulance called. They were already on their way so they did not want an ambulance called. They gave him something to eat and a

popsicle. He was just kind of having long stares and long blinks while eating the popsicle. They arrived in separate cars but within minutes of each other. By that time Child A was kind of acting like nothing had happened. Viewed the picture in bright wheel. CCSM 2 was not alone, she was on the playground with other staff, CCSM 3 and CCSM 4. Provided the child information cards, and incident report for injury. There are at least 130 if not more incident reports in Child A's file, some are him being hurt and some are him hurting others.

I interviewed CCSM 2, who has been an assistant at the child care center for about two months. She has worked at previous child care centers as well. She has been provided training by the center and at previous centers. On Friday they were outside playing, and Child A and a friend were throwing a ball back and forth between them. The other friend picked up a rock, she saw him do it and she told him "Do not throw that rock." She started to walk towards him, and he took the rock and threw it at Child A. Child A was bleeding, she rushed him to the building and CCSM 1 saw her by the window and came out and took over the incident, so she could go back to the kids on the playground. They had the other child sit down on the bench and take a small time out. Outside were the preschool prep class and the preschool class. She did not do an incident report but believes CCSM 1 did. She did not talk with mom or dad after the incident but believes CCSM 1 did. She believes between the two classes there were between fifteen and twenty children on the playground. There were three staff members outside, as one was inside with some kids for bathroom breaks.

On May 23, 2024, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at The Breakie Bunch. Program Director 1 (PD1) was not present at the child care center yet. I interviewed CCSM 3 who has been at the child care for over a year and half. She has worked at previous child care centers as well. She has had training at both centers. She was present on the day the incident happened with Child A. She was in the classroom with kids as one had a bloody nose. She was in the bathroom area when they brought Child A into the building. She saw him getting cleaned up and his parents picking him up. He has not been in the classroom that long he was recently moved up. He was in the Toddler room previously. I interviewed PD1, CCSM 1 handled the situation with Child A. She had left at noon that day and was not that far when she got the call. She was told Child A was hit in the head with a rock. The staff had asked the other child to put the rock down and he did not but instead threw it. They were on the playground with them, and they were watching the children. At this age the children are always testing their boundaries. The heads have a lot of capillaries, and they bleed a lot. The bleeding did stop, she is not sure why parents thought they could not get he is bleeding controlled. CCSM 1 acted quickly and called them quickly. She talked with CCSM 1 about using the word lethargic, as the child was not lethargic. It was near nap time and so they were already tired, but he was not lethargic. She was holding him when she walked in. She had told them to check his eyes and make sure he ate something, so they got him a popsicle, which he ate and held to on his own. She had him put down and to test walking and balance. The parents arrived around 12:30 PM, by that time Child A was acting fine. They recommended taking him to the doctor as they are not doctors and wanted to make sure he did not have a concussion.

On June 11, 2024, I interviewed Child D's mother. She has some concerns regarding supervision. She does not like the kids playing in a parking lot, there is no playground. The staff do not watch the children very well outside; they are at the picnic tables and the children are running wild. The play area is not great it is a parking lot and staff are not watching like they should be. There are a lot of times at the pick up the lead teachers are gone and its only the floaters in the building. They do not check IDs of people who are picking up, she has had someone pick her child up and the did not even ask for her ID. There was an issue a while ago with a child biting her child and it was so excessive the child bit through a shirt, a sweatshirt and broke the skin. She was very upset at that one. She thinks they do a good job of keeping people's information private always saying "a friend" did this or that.

On June 11, 2024, I received a call back from Child B's mother. She does not have any huge concerns. She is not thrilled with the outdoor play area. It is a parking lot, they have toys, but it does not seem like a good area for children to play as it is a parking lot. She also worries about the ratio and feels like it would be better with more teachers especially when they are outside on the playground. Also, a teacher has to walk out to the bus stop at the roadway and pick up the school age children and she wonders who or if there are enough staff back with the children in the center or outside. She is always hearing them yell at children or tell them on the play area "stay away from that, come over here."

On June 11, 2024, I interviewed Child E's mother. The problems we have been hearing about seem to happen when there is a new teacher arrive. It seems like when the regular teacher is there the kids listen better, and when a new teacher comes, they do not listen so well. Her son listens to her, he listens well to his teacher but this teacher when she told him not to throw the rocks he did not listen. She is not sure if this is the lack of a "mom" voice, or not being confident. She did not effectively stop him from throwing rocks, she had asked him several times not to throw rocks and he was not listening. This is an age where children test boundaries. There is a lot of turnovers at child care centers and that means a lot of new teachers.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	The staff did not properly supervise the children while outside. The are small/large rocks easily accessible to children in the parking lot where they play. Parents report concern over supervision in the parking lot citing staff at tables, not paying attention. The child who threw/hit another child with a rock is known to test limits, was told several times to put the rock down.

	staff did not intervene quick enough, and Child A was hit with a rock.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Established

ALLEGATION: Program director did not file an incident report regarding a child being injured/seeking medical attention.

INVESTIGATION:

On May 21, 2024, I received an email from the assigned licensing consultant reporting that no incident report was filed.

On May 23, 2024, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at The Breakie Bunch. I interviewed program director (PD1). She asked the parents to let her know what happened if they took him in and what they said. She did not hear back from them, and she admits she did not follow up with them either. "If I don't know they went to the hospital or for medical how am supposed to file." Discussion held it would seem more reasonable for her to follow up with the parents even if they said they would call her as they did not. She had a staff member who thought the child was lethargic, offered to call an ambulance and then nobody follows up with the family seems odd. Especially with her knowing she would need to file an incident report if he sought medical treatment. It as odd they did not ask the family at the next drop off if the child was seen medically. Advised an incident report is required and needs to be submitted. Most of the time Child A is dropped off before she arrives and picked up after she leaves so she misses them ninety percent of the time. She reports the family does not communicate with them very much. They are frustrated with the center and Child A's injuries. She pulled his file after I left yesterday and reviewed them, there are a lot of incident reports but wants it noted they fill out a report whether the child is the one who go hurt or did the hurting. They fill it out for anything that happens. He does have a quite a bit compared to other children, but he does quite a bit to other children as well. The biting is sore point for the family, and they do their best to supervise and ensure kids are not getting bitten. He had previously been in the toddler room, and they just moved him up to the preschool prep class. This has helped with the biting issues. Child A has behaviors, he pushes kids, he is shoving them and has pushed kids over. In April he was bit on the cheek and the parents were very communicative about it. She offered to move him up to the other classroom and they agreed.

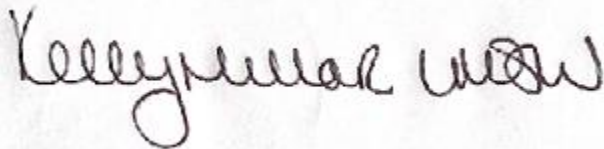
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	notification by a parent that a child received medical treatment or was hospitalized for an injury, accident, or medical condition that occurred while the child was in care.
ANALYSIS:	The program director did not follow up with parents of Child A to determine if he had sought medical attention, thus requiring an incident report. The staff on scene recommended the parents take child in, offered to call an ambulance. There was no follow up done that day or the next business day when child returned to daycare with his forehead glued. An incident report was not filed until consultant instructed program director to file one.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

Bureau Recommendation
An acceptable corrective action plan has been received and approved. I recommend no change in the status of the license.

Approved By:	
	
Kelly Millar Consultant	07/18/2024 Date
	
Crecendra Boone Area Manger	07/18/2024 Date