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REDACTED REPORT

12/21/2023

Martin Kay
[REDACTED]

License Number: DC380017295
Special Investigation Number: SI-00078166

Dear Martin Kay,

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 400.8155(1)	A center shall have a written plan for how and when a parent is notified when personnel observe any of the following: (b) A child experiences an accident, injury, or incident
R 400.8140(1)	Positive methods of discipline that encourage self-control, self-direction, self-esteem, and cooperation must be used.

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

- I interviewed: The licensee designee, child care staff member and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 10/2/2023.

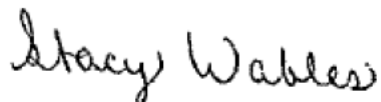
As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

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, Stacy Wables at (517) 899-5790 or wables@michigan.gov. In the event that Stacy Wables is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Stacy Wables, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 12/21/2023

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00078166	09/26/2023
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
10/11/2023	12/10/2023
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DC380017295	Martin Kay
Facility Name	Licensee Designee(s)
Lil Boy Blue Learning Center	N/A
Program Type	Central Administrator(s)
Center	N/A
Capacity	Program Director(s) Name
30	Kay Ann Martin Qualifications: R400.8113 (10) Date PD Approved: 2/11/1986
Facility Address	Mailing Address
1575 S. Dearing Road, Parma, MI, 49269	[REDACTED]
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address
5177502930	parmaboyblue@yahoo.com
Original License Issuance Date	License Status:
2/25/1982	Regular
License Effective Date:	License Expiration Date:
11/5/2021	11/4/2023

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Approximately a week ago, Child A got out of the doors of the daycare center. There are no security doors or locks on the doors. This led to Child A almost getting hit by a car that was pulling into the parking lot of the daycare.	No
No one from the daycare contacted Child A's Mother to report an incident where Child A almost got hit by a car. Child A's Mother was informed of the incident later that day when she picked up Child A.	No
Child A is autistic and non-verbal. A few weeks prior to incident of Child A running out of the daycare, it was reported that Child A was hitting himself. Child A hit himself so hard that he made his teeth bleed. Child A currently has physical marks on his	No

body. On 09/18/2023, Child A had a purplish/blue mark on the right side on his chin. The bruise is now in the healing stage. There is also a bruise on Child A's right arm, in the shape of a fingerprint. There is also bruising on the left side of Child A's face, between his left eye and ear. Additional bruising on his shoulders as well. It is believed that Child A sustained the marks of his body at the daycare. It is unknown how exactly the marks were afflicted onto Child A.		
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METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
10/11/2023	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00078166
9/26/2023	Special Investigation Initiated via Phone Call On 9/26/2023 I spoke to with [REDACTED] by telephone. [REDACTED] said she has made her required contacts with Child A. She will not be able to go onsite to the center until next week.
10/2/2023	Inspection Completed On-Site Observation and interviews with licensee, Kay Martin and Child Care Staff Member 1 (CCSM 1) from 10:30 a.m. until noon.
10/11/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone calls to Child B's Mother and Child C's Mother with [REDACTED]
10/23/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made I completed a pre-dispositional telephone conference with [REDACTED]
10/31/2023	Exit Conference I completed an exit conference with Kay Martin via e-mail.

ALLEGATION: Approximately a week ago, Child A got out of the doors of the daycare center. There are no security doors or locks on the doors. This led to Child A almost getting hit by a car that was pulling into the parking lot of the daycare.

INVESTIGATION: On 9/26/2023, I spoke to with [REDACTED] by telephone. [REDACTED] said she has made her required contacts with Child A. She will not be able to go onsite to the center until next week. We developed a plan to meet at the center on 10/2/2023. [REDACTED] summarized her home visit with Child A and Child A's Mother. [REDACTED] completed a visit at Child A's home on 9/25/2023. The first thing that Child A's Mother

said to [REDACTED] was that Child A is very challenging. Child A's Mother stated that she is trying to get paid to watch Child A because he needs one-on-one. Child A's Mother stated that "daycares" can't handle him so Child A's Mother can't have a job. When [REDACTED] asked how long Child A has been attending Lil Boy Blue, she reported "a month." Child A's Mother stated that the child care does not have any door locks on their doors. Child A has been hitting himself a lot more. When [REDACTED] asked about Child A's gums bleeding, she stated that at the end of last month, she did not know the date, but said it was day four of daycare, Child A was hitting himself so hard with a toy that his gums were bleeding. Child A's Mother allows Child A to do independent play. Child A's Mother stated that Child A would pick items up and throw them. While [REDACTED] was at the apartment, Child A came up to [REDACTED] and slapped her hands. Child A picked up his plate of food and flipped it over. Child A had a tricycle that he flipped over in the living room. When asked how she disciplines Child A, Child A's Mother stated that she gets at ground level and talks to him. Child A's Mother stated that Child A would get out the doors at home if there were no safety locks. When asked about the bruises, Child A's Mother stated that she noticed the bruise on Child A's arm on 9/19/2023 when she picked him up. When she dropped Child A off, he did not have any bruises. Child A's Mother stated that when she picked Child A up from child care, he had a jacket on, so she did not see the bruises right away. On 9/24/2023, she received an email from the owner of the child care that stated that Child A could not return. Child A's Mother stated that on 9/25/2023, she took Child A to child care because she had not read the email. Ms. Martin told her that Child A could no longer attend. [REDACTED] asked what time Child A would get dropped off in the morning, Child A's Mother stated 8:30 AM. [REDACTED] asked what time Child A would get picked up, she stated between 5 and 5:30 PM.

On 10/2/2023, I completed an unannounced on-site inspection with [REDACTED]. We informed program director and licensee Kay Martin of the allegations. Ms. Martin said Child A attended the child care center from 8/28/2023 until 9/25/2023. During this time frame, from 8/31/2023 to 9/14/2023, Child A did not attend the center because his mother did not have transportation. Child A arrived at the center daily between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., then left the center at 12:15 p.m. to attend the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy program. Child A returned to the center at 4:00 p.m. where he remained until his mother picked him up around 5:30 p.m. Ms. Martin said Child A often wanted to be outside while they were inside and when they were outside, he wanted to come inside. Child would attempt to open the door, but he did not run out. There was one occasion where he opened the door and took a couple of steps outside. However, Child Care Staff Member 1 (CCSM 1) was right behind him and always had Child A in her view. Since Child A had a history of attempting to open the door, the CCSMs knew to always keep their eyes on him and remain close to him when he was near the front door. The front door has an alarm that chirps every time the door opens. When Child A's Mother picked Child A up the day he took a couple steps outside, CCSM 1 told her they had concerns with Child A repeatedly attempting to open the door. CCSM 1 expressed concerned that if Child A continues this type of behavior, one possible scenario is that he could run out into the road and get hit by a car. Child A only got a

couple of steps outside the door on the one occasion where CCSM 1 was right behind him. Ms. Martin said if a child who was in her care were to get out of the center and run into the road, she would close her center because that would be very poor supervision on the part of herself or the other CCSMs.

██████████ and I interviewed CCSM 1. CCSM 1 noticed Child A tried to open the door soon after he started at the center. CCSM 1 knew she had to always keep her eye on Child A if they were near the front door. There was one occasion where Child A opened the door and walked out a couple of steps. CCSM 1 was right behind Child A as she saw him head for the door and she followed him outside. She guided Child A back into the center by his hand. CCSM 1 expressed her concerns of Child A repeatedly opening the door to Child A's Mother. Child A's Mother told her Child A had the same problems at home and she had to keep her doors locked so Child A did not run out. CCSM 1 told Child A's Mother she was afraid if they did not work together to develop a plan to address Child A's concerning behaviors, Child A could get hurt if he were able to get away from the CCSMs and run into the road where he could be struck by a vehicle.

On 10/11/2023, ██████████ and I spoke to Child B's Mother by telephone via three-way call. Child B's Mother said she has never had any concerns with supervision at the child care center. She said Child B "loves it there." Child B enjoys the fun activities and crafts the center provides.

On 10/11/2023, ██████████ and I spoke to Child C's Mother by telephone via three-way call. Child C's Mother said Child B "loves the people" at the center. She believes the center provides a "fun atmosphere." We asked Child C's Mother if she had any concerns about supervision at the center. She said, "not a one."

I had a telephone conference with ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████ on 10/23/2023. ██████████ ██████████ completed and closed their investigation.

On 10/31/2023 I completed an exit conference with Kay Martin via e-mail.

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:	Child A opened up the front door to the center and walked out a couple of steps as CCSM 1 was behind him and within her sight at all times.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: No one from the daycare contacted Child A's Mother to report an incident where Child A almost got hit by a car. Child A's Mother was informed of the incident later that day when she picked up Child A.

INVESTIGATION: On 10/2/2023, I completed an unannounced on-site inspection with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. We interviewed program director and licensee Kay Martin. Ms. Martin said she did not report the incident of Child A running into the street and almost getting hit by a car because that never happened. CCSM 1 only expressed her concern about Child A repeatedly attempting to open the door to Child A's Mother.

[REDACTED] and I interviewed CCSM 1. CCSM 1 said she informed Child A's Mother of Child A opening the door and walking out a couple of steps when she arrived to pick up Child A for the day. CCSM 1 did not complete a written report for Child A opening the door because Child A was never out of her sight. He only walked a couple of steps outside the door while CCSM 1 was right behind him. He did not go near the road, and he did not almost get hit by a car. CCSM 1 said there was also an incident when Child A hit himself and caused blood to appear at his mouth area. CCSM 1 informed Child A's Mother when she arrived to pick him up for the day. CCSM 1 did not complete a written injury report because she could not see an injury in or around Child A's Mouth. CCSM 1 always gave Child A's Mother a detailed verbal account of Child A's behaviors when she picked him up.

On 10/11/2023, [REDACTED] and I spoke to Child B's Mother by telephone via three-way call. Child B's Mother said she does not believe Child B has experienced any serious incidents at the center that would require a formal, written incident report. When she arrives to pick up Child B from the center, the CCSMs always give her a general verbal update such as "Child B had a good day today."

On 10/11/2023, [REDACTED] and I spoke to Child C's Mother by telephone via three-way call. Child C's Mother said she does not believe Child C has experienced any incidents at the center where a written report would be required. The CCSMs always give her a verbal overview of Child C's day at the center. She believes the CCSMs would provide a written incident report if a situation involving Child C were to arise.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8155(1)	A center shall have a written plan for how and when a parent is notified when personnel observe any of the following: (b) A child experiences an accident, injury, or incident
ANALYSIS:	Child A did not run out into the road and almost get hit by a car. CCSM 1 told Child A's Mother she was concerned this was a possibility if they did not work together to address Child A's

	behavior of attempting to open the door. The CCSMs did not report the incident because it did not occur.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: Child A is autistic and non-verbal. A few weeks prior to incident of Child A running out of the daycare, it was reported that Child A was hitting himself. Child A hit himself so hard that he made his teeth bleed. Child A currently has physical marks on his body. On 09/18/2023, Child A had a purplish/blue mark on the right side on his chin. The bruise is now in the healing stage. There is also a bruise on Child A's right arm, in the shape of a fingerprint. There is also bruising on the left side of Child A's face, between his left eye and ear. Additional bruising on his shoulders as well. It is believed that Child A sustained the marks of his body at the daycare. It is unknown how exactly the marks were afflicted onto Child A.

INVESTIGATION: On 10/2/2023, I completed an unannounced on-site inspection with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

We interviewed program director and licensee Kay Martin. Ms. Martin said while he attended the center, Child A had a history of very challenging behaviors such as throwing toys and chairs, hitting children and CCSMs, and pulling children's hair. Other parents complained that their children were being hit by Child A. Ms. Martin said during the short time Child A attended the center, she and CCSM 1 attempted to work with Child A's Mother and the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy program Child A attended to get some ideas as to how to consistently and successfully work with Child A's behaviors. After Child A's Mother dropped Child A off at the center in the morning, Child A would hit his head on the main entry door due to being frustrated that his mother left. Child A also hit himself on the head and face when he was frustrated. Child A's Mother told Ms. Martin to just let Child A hit himself. Ms. Martin and CCSM 1 attempted to block Child A from hitting his own face. There were times he would be able get around their arms blocking his arms. Ms. Martin said she saw bruises on Child A on various occasions. Ms. Martin asked Child A's Mother about bruises on Child A every time she viewed a new bruise. Child A's Mother told Ms. Martin that she has no idea how Child A obtains the bruises on his body, but most likely Child A got the bruises from hitting himself. Ms. Martin said she recalls seeing a bruise that looked like a line on Child A's arm, on his chin and each side of his face. Ms. Martin believes Child A received the bruises when he arrived at the center. She could not think of anything that happened at the center that would cause the bruises described aside from Child A hitting himself. Ms. Martin does not recall seeing any bruises on Child A's shoulders. Child A tended to take off his clothing so Ms. Martin believes she would have seen bruises on his shoulders if they were present. When Child A hit the other children, he did not hit the other children to be mean, he just did not realize how large and strong he

was for his age. Ms Martin believes Child A would benefit from always having a one-on-one CCSM which she cannot provide at the center.

██████████ and I interviewed CCSM 1. CCSM 1 said she does not recall observing any bruises on Child A's face and shoulder. She recalls seeing a bruise on Child A's chin which she mentioned to Child A's Mother. Child A's Mother told CCSM 1 that she was aware of the bruise on Child A's chin and even showed CCSM 1 pictures of the bruise in various stages of healing. CCSM 1 did not initially see the bruise in the shape of a line that was on his arm until Child A's mother pointed it out to CCSM 1. Child A's Mother said she did not know how Child A obtained the bruise and never mentioned that she believed the bruise happened while Child A was at the child care center. CCSM 1 said after Child A's Mother dropped him off in the morning and left, Child A would bang his head on the door and slap himself in the face because he did not want her to leave. CCSM 1 described that Child A "beat the tar out of his face" when he was frustrated. CCSM 1 placed herself in between Child A and the door to provide a cushion so he could bang his head into her body instead of the door. She attempted to block Child A's arms from hitting his own face, but that was not always possible. Attempts to verbally redirect Child A when he was banging his head or hitting himself often escalated his behaviors. Often Child A would continue these behaviors until he was exhausted. CCSM 1 recalls one occasion where Child A was hitting himself in the face and he was bleeding somewhere from his mouth. CCSM 1 could not see any injuries such as bruising, cuts or swelling to Child A's inner or outer mouth, so she is not certain from where the blood was coming. CCSM 1 attempted to develop a behavior plan with Child A's Mother to help Child A to overcome his self-harming behaviors and even asked if the therapist from his ABC program would be willing to collaborate with the center so Child A would have a consistent behavioral plan. CCSM 1 was not alarmed when Child A had bruises on his body because of his self-destructive behaviors of banging his head and hitting himself. Child A also attended a different program at another location for a large part of the day. CCSM 1 assumed Child A exhibited the same behaviors at the other program, so it's possible he got bruises there or at home since his mother said Child A also hit himself at home.

On 10/11/2023, ██████████ and I spoke to Child B's Mother by telephone via three-way call. Child B's Mother said she has never had concerns about the discipline at the child care center. She believes if the children do not follow verbal directions, the children are asked to sit at a table away from the group for just a few minutes.

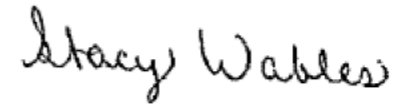
On 10/11/2023, ██████████ and I spoke to Child C's Mother by telephone via three-way call. Child C's Mother said she does not have any concerns with discipline at the child care center. She believes if children have a hard time following verbal directions, they are required to sit in a time out area for a few minutes.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8140(1)	Positive methods of discipline that encourage self-control, self-direction, self-esteem, and cooperation must be used.
ANALYSIS:	Child A has a reported history of hitting himself and banging his head into the door when he is frustrated. Child A does not have verbal skills to communicate his feelings. Child A went to a different program where he left the center from 12:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Due to Child A's history of self-harming behaviors, it is possible he received various bruises from hitting himself, or he could have obtained the bruises while attending the other program in the middle of the day.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

Bureau Recommendation
I recommend no change in the status of the license.

Approved By:			
Stacy Wables			
		12/21/2023	
Stacy Wables	12/21/2023	Darlese McConnell	
Consultant	Date	Area Manager	Date