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8/13/2024

New Wonders Discovery Center, LLC  
7000 Stadium Dr,  
Kalamazoo, MI, 49009

License Number: DC390329755  
Special Investigation Number: SI-00120952

Dear New Wonders Discovery Center, LLC,

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 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
R 400.8125(2)	All staff and volunteers shall act in a manner that is conducive to the welfare of children.

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

- I interviewed: program directors, child care staff members, parents, and others with relevant information.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 1/9/2024

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.	<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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You will be sent two copies of this report. One is **not for public disclosure** and one is a **redacted report**.

- The report marked **not for public disclosure** is for your records only. This copy may contain legally protected information. It must not be placed in your licensing notebook.
- The report marked **redacted report** may have some legally protected information blacked out. If you do not have internet available for online review, **redacted report** and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. The **redacted 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, Carrie Harris at (269) 615-5617 or [harrisc15@michigan.gov](mailto:harrisc15@michigan.gov). In the event that Carrie Harris is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Carrie Harris, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

**Report Type:** Special Investigation Report

**Date of Report:** 8/13/2024

<b>Special Investigation Number</b>	<b>Complaint/Incident Receipt Date</b>
SI-00120952	01/05/2024
<b>Investigation Initiation Date</b>	<b>Report Due Date</b>
4/3/2024	03/05/2024
<b>License Number</b>	<b>Licensee Name(s)</b>
DC390329755	New Wonders Discovery Center, LLC
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Licensee Designee(s)</b>
New Wonders Discovery Center	
<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Central Administrator(s)</b>
Center	
<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Program Director(s) Name</b>
60	<b>Qualifications:</b> <b>Date PD Approved:</b>
	<b>Qualifications:</b> <b>Date PD Approved:</b>
<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>
7000 Stadium Dr. #203, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009	7000 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009
<b>Facility Phone Number</b>	<b>Facility Email Address</b>
2693664680	newwondersdc@msn.com
<b>Original License Issuance Date</b>	<b>License Status:</b>
9/26/2012	Regular
<b>License Effective Date:</b>	<b>License Expiration Date:</b>
9/18/2023	9/17/2025

**ALLEGATION(S)**

**Violation Established?**

Child A (3 months old) came home with unexplained marks and bruises on multiple occasions in December 2023.		No
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## METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
4/3/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00120952
1/5/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Video Conference with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Worker, Lesley Helsom, MDHHS Worker, Meagan Hardin, MDHHS Supervisor, Carrie Ingold, and MDHHS Supervisor, Katie Wouters
1/9/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site Spoke to Program Director 1, Program Director 2, Child Care Staff Member 1, Child Care Staff Member 3, and Child Care Staff Member 4 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
1/9/2024	Inspection Completed On-Site Spoke to Program Director 1 from 3:00 PM to 3:15 PM.
1/9/2024	Contact – Document Received Written statements
1/9/2024	Contact – Document Received Police Report from Otsego Police Department
1/9/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Spoke to Child Care Staff Member 2, Child A's Mother, Child C's Mother and Father, Child D's Mother, and Child E's Mother
1/12/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Spoke to Child F & G's Mother
1/18/2024	Contact – Document Received Email from ██████████, Child Abuse Pediatrician at Bronson Children's Hospital
1/23/2024	Exit Conference Spoke to Program Director 1
1/26/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Spoke to MDHHS Worker, Lesly Helsom, and MDHHS Supervisor, Carrie Ingold.

**ALLEGATION:** Child A (3 months old ) came home with unexplained marks and bruises on multiple occasions in December 2023.

### INVESTIGATION:

On January 5, 2024, I received a complaint that Child A (3 months old) had unexplained marks and bruises that were sustained while at the center. The first bruise appeared on December 18, 2023, and the final bruise was observed on December 21, 2023. There was a bite shaped bruise on Child A's left knee and a band bruise across her upper right arm. There were bruises on Child A's left arm that were consistent with pinching.

Licensing Consultant, Julia Majka, received a copy of the allegation and forwarded an email to me from Program Director 1 dated December 21, 2023. In the email, Program Director 1 said she wanted to let Julia Majka know that she observed a round red mark on Child A's left knee. Then on December 20, 2023, Child A burped up a bottle and a child care staff member changed Child A's outfit and noticed a red mark on her upper left arm. At the time, Program Director 1 was gone and before she returned, Child A's Mother arrived to pick up Child A. The next morning, the center decided they would check Child A's body for any marks at arrival and observed a red mark on her upper right arm. They took pictures of the marks on Child A for documentation. Julia Majka indicated that Program Director 1 is very organized, and the center rarely has any violations. She said she has never had any concerns with the infant room and described the space as easy to supervise without any blind spots.

On January 5, 2024, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Worker (MDHHS), Lesley Helsom, MDHHS Worker, Meagan Hardin, MDHHS Supervisor, Carrie Ingold, and MDHHS Supervisor, Katie Wouters, all met for a video conference to discuss the allegation. Meagan Hardin said she had been assigned to investigate the allegation on December 21, 2023. She said she took pictures of Child A's injuries and obtained written statements from child care staff members (CCSM). She said the child care center never asked Child A's Parents about the bruises and the parents never asked the child care center about how Child A obtained the bruises. Meagan Hardin interviewed Child A's Mother, Child A's Father, and Child A's Uncle as part of her investigation. The family had a new puppy, but the puppy was not allowed near Child A unsupervised. The parents reported that no one else provides care for Child A, and Child A's Uncle does not have any interest in caring for Child A. Meagan Hardin and Detective Lalone, from the Otsego Police Department, determined that the injuries were sustained at the child care center and did not think they occurred in the child's home. [REDACTED], the Child Abuse Specialist from the Children's Advocacy Center, reviewed the case and said the marks were consistent with abuse. The parents are continuing to send Child A to the child care center.

On January 9, 2024, Lesley Helsom and I made an onsite inspection to the child care center and spoke to Program Director 1, Program Director 2, CCSM 1, CCSM 3, and CCSM 4 about the allegation. Program Director 1 denied that the injuries came from the child care center. Program Director 1 said Child A is in the infant/wobbler classroom. Child A usually arrives before the child care staff members in the infant/wobbler room are scheduled, so either she or Program Director 2 will hold Child A until the infant/wobbler child care staff members arrive.

Lesley Helsom and I asked to see attendance records for both children and staff for the week of December 11 and December 18, 2023, so we could determine who had been around Child A. Child A was in care on December 14, 18, 20, and 21, 2023. Child A was not in care on December 15 and December 19, 2023.

- On December 14, 2023, there were five children signed into care, but two of them were transitioning up to the toddler classroom so they were not in the room

most of the day. There were four different child care staff members who had contact with Child A that day. CCSM 1 was in there from 8:39 AM to 11:05 AM and from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. CCSM 2 was there from 7:25 AM to 9:58 AM. CCSM 3 was there from 11:05 AM to 12:00 PM. Program Director 1 was there from 7:00 AM to 7:25 AM.

- On December 18, 2023, there were five children signed into care, but one child spent most of the day in the toddler classroom. There were three child care staff members who had contact with Child A that day. CCSM 1 was in there from 8:40 AM to 1:00 PM and from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM. CCSM 2 was there from 7:09 AM to 9:55 AM and again from 12:55 PM to 2:01 PM. Program Director 1 was in the room from 7:00 AM to 7:15 AM.
- On December 20, 2023, there were five children signed into care. One child spent the day in the toddler classroom. Two others went home with illnesses between 11:00-11:15 AM. CCSM 2 was in the room from 9:52 AM to 6:00 PM. CCSM 3 was in there from 7:32 AM to 9:54 AM. Program Director 1 was in the room from 7:00 AM to 7:35 AM.
- On December 21, 2023, there were five children signed into care, but one child spent the day in the toddler classroom. CCSM 2 was in the room from 11:07 AM to 5:30 PM. CCSM 3 was the room from 7:12 AM to 11:08 AM. Program Director 1 was in the room from 7:00 AM to 7:15 AM.

Program Director 1 said CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 observed a bruise on Child A's knee on December 18, 2023. Program Director 1 had left to pick up school-age children at school, and Child A's Mother picked Child A up before Program Director 1 returned. She said she was not sure why CCSM 1 did not mention it to Child A's Mother at pick-up time. CCSM 2 told Program Director 1 that Child A's family got a new puppy, so Program Director 1 assumed maybe the mark was from the puppy being too aggressive with the baby. On December 20, 2023, CCSM 2 told Program Director 1 that Child A had burped up her bottle and CCSM 2 had to change her outfit. CCSM 2 observed a mark on Child A's left arm and was not sure what to do about it. Program Director 1 was picking up the school-age children and did not return until after Child A left for the day. On December 21, 2023, Child A's Mother dropped Child A off in the morning and Program Director 2 took Child A's clothing off after Child A's Mother left, and she saw the bruise on her knee, the bruise on her left arm, and a new bruise on her right arm. Lesley Helsom asked Program Director 1 how much interaction Child A had with the other children in care. Program Director 1 said Child A is younger and smaller than the other children in the room, so they are separated most of the time. Child A will have tummy time when the older children are at the tables doing activities. Child A will sit in a bouncy seat or a swing near a child care staff member when the older children are playing in the room. Lesley Helsom asked Program Director 1 if any of the children in care had a history of biting, hitting, or being rough. Program Director 1 looked in the child files and said there was only one incident report where one child bit another child on May 16, 2023. The other incident reports in the room were for accidents from learning to walk and not inflicted by another child. Program Director 1 denied ever receiving any complaints from parents about CCSM 1, CCSM 2, or CCSM 3. She said none

of them have any disciplinary action in their employment files and described them all as great child care staff members. Program Director 1 said Child A's Parents never contacted her or spoke to any of the child care staff members to ask about the marks on Child A. She stated that they have continued to send Child A to the center.

Program Director 2 said she opens the child care facility in the mornings and will sometimes hold Child A until other child care staff members arrive if Program Director 1 is not there. She denied that Child A's Mother has ever asked her about any marks on Child A. She said she heard that Child A had a mark on his knee on December 18, 2023. On December 20, 2023, CCSM 2 approached her after Child A had left and CCSM 2 said she had seen a mark on Child A's left arm. On December 21, 2023, Program Director 2 removed Child A's clothing immediately after Child A's Mother dropped her off. Program Director 2 said she saw a mark on Child A's knee, her left arm, and her right arm. Program Director 2 stated that she took pictures of the marks and sent them to Program Director 1 since she was not there at the time.

CCSM 1 stated that she has been employed at the center for one year. The first time she observed a mark on Child A was the morning of December 18, 2023. CCSM 2 was in the room before she arrived. CCSM 1 said during Child A's first diaper change she did that day, she observed a mark on Child A's knee. She asked CCSM 4, who was working with children in the room next to her, to come look at the mark. They both thought it looked like teeth marks. CCSM 1 said she got Program Director 1 to come look at it. Program Director 1 took pictures of the mark and said she would talk to Child A's Mother about it. CCSM 1 said the week prior to the injury, Child A's Mother mentioned that the family got a new puppy. Lesley Helsom asked CCSM 1 if another child could have bitten Child A. CCSM 1 said if Child A is on the floor doing tummy time, a child care staff member is always on the floor with her. She said the classroom is set up so that a child care staff member can be on the floor with Child A and still watch the other children in the room. She said they only put Child A on the floor when the other children are at the table for snack, lunch, or other activities. If the other children are on the floor, then Child A is being held, in the swing, or in the bouncer. CCSM 1 was asked how mobile the other children are in the room. CCSM 1 said Child B is walking. Child C is not yet crawling. Child D can scooch around. Child E and Child F are both mobile, but they have been transitioning up to another classroom, so they have not been around Child A very much. Lesley Helsom asked CCSM 1 how many teeth the other children had. CCSM 1 said Child B is her daughter and she only has four teeth. Child C and Child D both only have one tooth. Child E and Child F both have teeth, but they were visiting their new classroom most of the day and were not near Child A. CCSM 1 denied ever seeing any staff or children get physically aggressive with Child A. She denied that any parents have ever complained to her about any other staff in the classroom.

CCSM 3 said she has been employed for the center since March 2023. She acknowledged that she worked in Child A's classroom on December 14, 20, and 21,

2024. She was asked if she remembered Child A getting injured or anything happening to her and CCSM 3 said, "No." CCSM 3 stated Child A is young, so they keep the other children separate from her and watch her closely. CCSM 3 was asked if she has ever witnessed any child care staff members or children get aggressive with Child A and she said, "No." CCSM 3 denied ever seeing any marks on Child A when she changed her diaper. CCSM 3 said Child A usually wears a onesie and a one-piece sleeper so it would be hard to see unless those were removed. CCSM 3 was not in the room when Program Director 2 removed Child A's clothing and saw the marks on Child A. CCSM 3 said she has not had much communication with Child A's parents.

CCSM 4 said she has been employed at the center for four years. CCSM 4 stated that on December 18, 2023, she was passing through the infant/wobbler room to get to her classroom when CCSM 1 stopped her and asked her to look at Child A's leg and tell her what she thought. CCSM 4 said it looked like a bite mark on Child A's leg. CCSM 3 said the only interaction she has had with Child A's Mother was a quick "hi" and "bye" when she would drop Child A off or pick her up. She denied ever seeing any child care staff members get physically aggressive with children and denied that any parents have ever complained to her about any of the child care staff members in the infant/wobbler classroom. CCSM 4 said she can see into the infant/wobbler classroom from her room, and she has never observed anything concerning.

Lesley Helsom and I reviewed written statements from Program Director 1, Program Director 2, and CCSM 2. Program Director 1 stated that on December 18, 2023, CCSM 1 noticed a round red mark on Child A's left knee when she was changed in the morning. On December 19, 2023, Child A's Mother sent a note stating Child A would not be there because she had a rough night and had pink eye. On December 20, 2023, Child A spit up a bottle in the afternoon and CCSM 3 changed her outfit. She noticed a mark on Child A's upper left arm. Child A's Mother walked in a short time later, and CCSM 2 did not know what to do. She told Program Director 1 about it when she returned to the center after picking up the school-age children at school. On December 21, 2023, Child A arrived at 7:06 AM. Program Director 2 took Child A into the infant/wobbler classroom and took her clothing off to look for any other marks. Child A had marks on both her left and right upper arms and her knee.

Program Director 2 stated that after CCSM 2 told her about the bruise on Child A's arm and leg on December 20, 2023, Program Director 2 wanted to check her after arrival on December 21, 2023. She removed Child A's pants and onesie and saw another mark on Child A's upper right arm. Program Director 2 took pictures for documentation purposes.

CCSM 2 stated that on December 18, 2023, she was working in the infant room with Child A. She was wearing a long sleeved, footie pajama outfit. Around 8:00 AM, she unzipped her pajamas to change her diaper. She saw a circular purple mark/bruise on Child A's left kneecap. On December 20, 2023, CCSM 2 said she

was working in the infant room with Child A. Around 3:30 PM, she gave Child A a bottle and she spit up about three times on her clothing. She took Child A to the changing table and removed her clothing to clean her up and give her a new outfit. When she removed Child A's onesie, she noticed a half-moon shaped red mark on Child A's upper left arm. She had long sleeves on that day, so Child A's arm had not been visible earlier in the day.

On January 9, 2024, Lesley Helsom and I spoke to CCSM 2, Child A's Mother, Child C's Mother and Father, Child D's Mother, and Child E's Mother by telephone. CCSM 2 stated that she worked on December 14, 2023, but did not recall seeing any marks on Child A that day. On December 18, 2023, CCSM 2 said she was there when Child A's Mother dropped Child A off. She said they made small talk, but nothing was said about Child A having a mark on her knee. Around 8:00 AM, she changed Child A's diaper and noticed a mark on Child A's knee. She was the only child care staff member in the room at the time so she did not show it to anyone else, but she mentioned it to CCSM 1 when she came in later that morning. CCSM 2 said about two weeks prior to the mark, Child A's Mother had mentioned that their family had gotten a puppy. On December 20, 2023, CCSM 2 said CCSM 3 had been in the room before she arrived. CCSM 3 warned her that Child A had been spitting up a lot that morning. When CCSM 2 gave Child A her final bottle for the day, Child A spit up so much that she had to change her outfit. When she took off her clothing, she noticed a mark on Child A's left arm. CCSM 2 said she was the only child care staff member in the room, so she asked CCSM 4 to get Program Director 2. She turned around and Child A's Mother walked into the center to pick up Child A, so CCSM 2 said she did not get to tell Program Director 2 about the mark until after Child A left. CCSM 2 said Child A's Mother never mentioned that Child A had a mark on her arm. On December 21, 2023, CCSM 2 said she did not see the mark on Child A's right arm until Program Director 2 told her about it. CCSM 2 said the other children in the room do not have access to Child A. When Child A is doing tummy time, the other children are at the tables. When the other children are on the floor, Child A is in the bouncy seat or being held. CCSM 2 denied ever seeing any child care staff members or children get physically aggressive with Child A. She has never had any parents complain about any of the other child care staff members in the infant/wobbler room and said everyone seems to get along well.

Child A's Mother said she first observed the mark on Child A's knee on the afternoon of December 18, 2023, after she picked Child A up from care. She said she did not ask the child care center about the mark because she was not sure where it happened. Lesley Helsom asked Child A's Mother when she noticed the marks on Child A's arms. She said she could not remember if it was December 19, 2023, or December 20, 2023. She said she did not notify the child care center about the marks and was "just going to keep an eye on her" because she was not sure how it happened. She thought maybe the marks were from playing with a toy. Child A's Mother said CCSM 1 usually provides most of the care for Child A, and she felt she does a good job with Child A. Lesley Helsom said the Otsego Police Report said that Child A's Father had mentioned thinking maybe the injuries came from putting

her in her car seat. Child A's Mother acknowledged Child A does not like her car seat but denied that Child A has ever cried out in pain from the seat. Child A's Mother said they got a black labrador puppy the week before Thanksgiving. She denied that the puppy has ever bitten Child A and said the puppy is rarely around Child A and if it is, it only sniffs Child A. Child A's Mother said no one else provides care for Child A except she and Child A's Father. She said Child A's Uncle will watch Child A if she needs to use the restroom or take a shower, but he does not provide for her care or supervision any other time. Lesley Helsom asked if Child A had ever been tested for a blood disorder that may cause Child A to bruise easily. Child A's Mother said Child A has high blood platelet levels and they are continuing to run tests for that. Child A's Mother said the only other concerns she has had with the child care center has been about how frequently they feed Child A her bottles. Child A's Mother said she has never witnessed any child care staff members getting physically aggressive with any children in care.

Child C's Father said Child C is no longer attending the child care center. He denied that Child C has ever come home with any unexplained marks or bruises. He said he never had any concerns about Child C's safety, but he was unhappy about the level of communication with the child care staff members and the program directors. Child C's Father said Child C is not yet crawling, but she can scoot around. Child C does not yet have any teeth but one is just starting to come through. Child C's Mother said one time a few weeks before Christmas, she arrived to pick up Child C and observed a female child hit a child care staff member in the wobbler classroom. The child care staff member grabbed the child by the arm and shook her arm. Child C's Mother said the child cried, and there were other child care staff members around, but no one intervened. Child C's Mother did not report the incident to anyone and just left. She was not able to identify the child care staff member or the child by name.

Child D's Mother said Child D is in the infant/wobbler room and has been attending since she was six months old. She has never come home with any unexplained marks or bruises. Child D's Mother said she has always been pleased with the child care center and described the child care staff members as nice and pleasant. She said Child D has two teeth but one of them just popped through on January 8, 2024. Child D has been crawling for about three months.

Child E's Mother said Child E has been attending the child care center for one year and four months. Child E has never come home with any unexplained marks or bruises. She said Child E recently moved up from the infant/wobbler room to the toddler classroom. She has never had any concerns with the child care staff members in the infant/wobbler room.

On January 9, 2024, Lesley Helsom provided me with a copy of the police report from the Otsego Police Department. It stated that on December 21, 2023, Officer Gillion from the Otsego Police Department was dispatched to Child A's home for a welfare check. On December 26, 2023, Detective Lalone met with Meagan Hardin,

and she said that Child A had been evaluated by her pediatrician and the marks were suggestive of potential abuse, however, "the duration and/or location that this may have occurred was indeterminant." Child A's Father was interviewed, and he adamantly denied abusing Child A in any way and denied causing any marks to Child A's body. He stated that he had noticed the marks but not think anything of them and presumed they were from Child A's car seat or routine activities. He suggested the abuse may have occurred while Child A was in child care. Child A's Mother also denied any abuse and acknowledged that she noticed the marks but did not think anything of them. Both parents felt comfortable with the other parent caring for the child and did not suspect any abuse. Child A's Uncle also resides in the home and was interviewed. He is not responsible or directly involved with Child A's care in any way. He denied knowing how Child A received the marks and did not suspect any abuse from Child A's Parents. The officer noted that there is a 13-week-old black lab puppy and two cats in the home. Child A's Parents reported that the cats do not come around, and the puppy is kenneled unless Child A is on a couch or elevated surface and inaccessible to the dog. Child A recently began rolling over, but her parents denied that she has been left unsupervised or rolled off any surfaces that may have led to the marks.

On January 9, 2024, Lesley Helsom and I made a second unscheduled inspection to the center and spoke to Program Director 1. We asked Program Director 1 to have the child care staff members examine Child A at drop-off and pick-up time each day and document any marks or bruises on Child A. Program Director 1 said she would start having her child care staff members do that immediately. I asked Program Director 1 if she had ever received a report that a child care staff member shook a child by their arm in the infant/wobbler classroom and Program Director 1 said she had never seen or heard about that and would have addressed it immediately.

On January 12, 2024, I spoke to Child F & G's Mother by telephone. Child F & G's Mother said Child F has been attending the child care center since October 2022, and Child G has been attending since October 2018. She has never had any concerns about their safety and her children have never come home with any unexplained marks or bruises. Child F & G's Mother said Child G is a daredevil which has resulted in some injuries, but the child care staff members have always contacted her by phone or text and sent pictures of the marks and bruises. Child F & G's Mother said the infants in the room are very closely monitored by the child care staff members and she has never seen the older children interacting with the younger babies in the room. The babies are held or placed in bouncy seats when the older children are around. Child F transitioned up to the toddler classroom a couple months ago and is in his new classroom as long as they are within ratio. She said the child care staff members all treat her children like an extension of their family and she has used CCSM 4 as a babysitter for occasional evenings. Child F is always happy to be dropped off in the morning and will run to the table to play. Child G can talk and has never expressed any concerns about the center.

On January 18, 2024, I received an email from Lesley Helsom who had spoken to [REDACTED], the Child Abuse Pediatrician at Bronson Children's Hospital. [REDACTED] reviewed Child A's file and indicated that Child A had been tested for any blood disorders that would cause bruising and the results came back normal. [REDACTED] said bruising can take a few hours to become visible. She stated that the mark on Child A's knee on her first diaper change at daycare "is very concerning." Child A spitting up her whole bottle could be a sign of trauma. She was concerned that Child A's Parents would continue to send her to the center without having a conversation with anyone about what happened. She felt the bruises were "highly concerning for child physical abuse" and "the timing and behavior evidence points to home."

On January 23, 2024, Lesly Helsom and I spoke to Program Director 1 by telephone for an exit conference. We asked Program Director 1 to continue to check Child A when she arrives at the child care center and before she is picked up and document any marks or bruises. Program Director 1 said she has been doing that and will continue to check her daily. Lesley Helsom advised Program Director 1 to contact Centralized Intake immediately if there are any unexplained marks or bruises on Child A.

On January 26, 2024, I spoke to Lesley Helsom and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Supervisor (MDHHS Supervisor), Carrie Ingold. They said they were closing their case.



**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 center provided appropriate care and supervision to Child A. There is no evidence that the unexplained marks came from the child care center. CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 both noticed the first mark on Child A's knee during Child A's first diaper change around 8:00 AM on December 18, 2023. Child A was not in care on December 17, 2023, and according to [REDACTED] a bruise would have taken a few hours to become visible. She felt the timing and behavior evidence pointed to the marks occurring at home. The bruises on December 20, 2023, were not observed until Child A's clothing was removed after she spit up. Program Director 2 observed the mark on Child A's upper right arm when she removed Child A's clothing immediately after she was dropped off on December 21, 2024.
CONCLUSION:	<b>Violation Not Established</b>

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8125(2)	All staff and volunteers shall act in a manner that is conducive to the welfare of children.
ANALYSIS:	CCSM 1, CCSM 2, and CCSM 3 are conducive to the welfare of children. When they observed unexplained marks on Child A, they reported them to Program Director 1. Program Director 1 contacted Centralized Intake and her child care licensing consultant to report the injuries.
CONCLUSION:	<b>Violation Not Established</b>

### BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

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

Approved By:	
 Carrie Harris <b>Consultant</b>	 Charnell Lennox <b>Area Manager</b>
08/13/2024 <b>Date</b>	08/13/2024 <b>Date</b>