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June 30, 2021

Carly Comparoni
 LLCCC Lapeer, LLC
 3782 South Lapeer RD
 Metamora, MI 48445

RE: License #: DC440395441
 Investigation #: 2021D0521011
 Little Learners Lapeer

Dear Ms. Comparoni:

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.

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

- I interviewed the person who made the complaint, program director, licensee/ licensee designee, child care staff members, witnesses, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: June 18, 2021

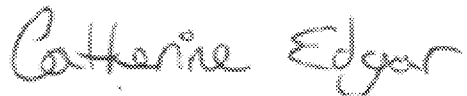
As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

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 type="checkbox"/>

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 (810) 787-7031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Edgar".

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enclosure

CC: Ashley Hill

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC440395441
Investigation #:	2021D0521011
Complaint Receipt Date:	06/15/2021
Investigation Initiation Date:	06/15/2021
Report Due Date:	08/14/2021
Licensee Name:	LLCCC Lapeer, LLC
Licensee Address:	3782 South Lapeer RD Metamora, MI 48445
Licensee Telephone #:	(810) 660-7432
Administrator:	Carly Comparoni
Licensee Designee:	Carly Comparoni
Name of Facility:	Little Learners Lapeer
Facility Address:	1665 N. Saginaw Lapeer, MI 48446
Facility Telephone #:	(810) 660-7432
Original Issuance Date:	11/21/2018
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	05/21/2021
Expiration Date:	05/20/2023
Capacity:	41
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
On June 10, 2021, Child A (male age 3) was let out of the playground gate by staff when his mother arrived to pick him up and he ran away.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

06/15/2021	Special Investigation Intake 2021D0521011
06/15/2021	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Interview with Child A's mother.
06/18/2021	Inspection Completed On-site Unannounced onsite inspection. 10:45am - 11:40am. Interview with program director Ashley Hill and caregivers Asher Lafferty- McGill and Maranda Graves.
06/18/2021	Contact - Telephone call made. Message left for child care staff member Erika Hayduk.
06/18/2021	Contact - Telephone call made. Message left for Witness 1.
06/18/2021	Contact - Telephone call received. Interview with Witness 1.
06/29/2021	Contact - Telephone call received. I spoke with Child A's mother.
06/29/2021	Exit Conference With program director Ashley Hill.
06/29/2021	Contact – Telephone call received. Interview with child care staff member Erika Hayduk.
06/29/2021	Special Investigation Full Compliance.

ALLEGATION: On June 10, 2021, Child A (male age 3) was let out of the playground gate by staff when his mother arrived to pick him up and he ran away.

INVESTIGATION: On June 15, 2021, I interviewed Child A's mother. She stated that when she picked Child A up around 4:00pm on June 10, 2021, he was on the playground. A child care staff member (CCSM) brought him to her at the gate but he needed a diaper change, so she had the CCSM take him in to change his diaper. When he was brought out, she was near the corner of where the two fences meet engaging with another child through the fence. She said that the CCSM opened the gate and Child A ran to the parking lot. Child A proceeded to run all the way around the building and over to a nearby church before he returned. She had a hard time chasing him as she was wearing heels and she felt that the CCSMs who were outside should have helped her catch Child A. Child A's mother was concerned as the center is on a busy road and Child A could have gotten to the road. She did not know the names of the CCSMs involved. When Child A was in the parking lot, she thought another parent was either arriving or departing and may have witnessed this.

On June 18, 2021, I made an unannounced onsite inspection to the child care center. I spoke with program director Ashley Hill. She was in a meeting at the center and did not see Child A initially get away from his mother but did see her standing outside at the fence. She said that she came in to sign Child A out and then waited at the fence for Child A to be brought back out after his diaper change. She said the procedure is generally that a parent go in to the office and sign a child out and then step outside to the fence and a CCSM will open the gate and hand the parents the child. She states that not many children are picked up during the time that children are outside playing as it is still earlier in the day. She was walking near the infant room when she saw Child A run by. She ran out the back door and proceeded to chase him. She saw both Child A and his mother on top of the hill just outside of the playground area. Child A then ran down to an area near the building and proceeded to grab a garden hose and spray it into the playground. Ms. Hill was able to grab him and lift him over the fence, so he was back in the fence's playground area. CCSM Erika grabbed Child A from inside the playground and was able to walk him back to his mother. After the incident, she along with two of the other CCSMs wrote up what had happened. Ms. Hill provided me with the originals of these documents. She also provided me with contact information as to the person that had toured the facility and may have been the person Child A's mother recalled seeing in the parking lot.

While at the center, I interviewed CCSM Asher Lafferty-McGill. She stated that she was present on the playground when the incident with Child A happened on June 10, 2021, around 4:00pm. Child A was pouring out bubbles and acting out when his mother arrived, and she seemed irritated at this. When she tried to give Child A to his mother at the playground gate, his mother asked that his diaper be changed so she took him in the building and changed his diaper and brought him back out through the fenced playground area. She believed that during this time, his mother had gone in and signed him out. She said that Child A's mother was on the other side of the fence playing with children through the fence when she opened the gate. She had Child A by the hand.

She did not let go of Child A's hand until his mother had taken his other hand. She said that Child A stood there for a minute and then he pulled away from his mother and ran to the parking lot. After that he ran up the hill and went behind the building. She estimated that Child A was chased around by his mom for almost 5 minutes. She did not see Child A get caught as she was dealing with children fighting in the toddler area of the playground, but she believed it was Ms. Hill who grabbed him and gave him to his mother.

While at the center, I also spoke to CCSM Maranda Graves. She said that on June 10, 2021, she was on the toddler playground. CCSM Erika Hayduk was on the preschool side of the playground (the areas are separated by a fence but there is a gate between the two. The gate leading to outside of the playground area is actually in the toddler playground area). When Child A's mother arrived for pick up that afternoon, Child A was pouring out bubble solution and pulled another child's ear. His mother saw this and asked if he was acting this way because she was there. Ms. Lafferty-McGill took Child A inside to change his diaper before he left. She saw Ms. Lafferty-McGill come outside and had Child A by the hand. She saw her open the gate and saw Child A's mother grab Child A by the hand. While she had him by the hand, Child A wriggled away from his mom. This happened when they were starting to walk back to the parking lot. She saw Child A run towards his mother's vehicle and heard his mom yell for him to not go too far. She said that Child A's mother did not see concerned until Child A ran out of the parking lot and behind the building. She was not sure how long Child A was away from their mother as she was in the process of taking her children inside for diapering and she wasn't able to assist Child A's mother as she could not leave her group of children unattended.

CCSM Erika Hayduk was also interviewed by phone as she was not present at the center during my onsite inspection. She said that she was on the Preschool playground when Child A's mother arrived for pick up. She saw Ms. Lafferty-McGill give Child A to his mother. She saw Child A get away from his mother and run ahead to the parking lot but did not recall Child A's mother yelling at him until after he ran behind the building. She confirmed that Child A ran around the entire building until Ms. Hill was able to catch him. She stated that she could not go help chase Child A as she was the only caregiver for her group of Preschoolers at the time.

I was able to interview Witness 1, who confirmed that she had been at the facility to do a tour that day. I asked if she saw anything in the parking lot that day. She recalled seeing a woman who matched the description of Child A's mother walking towards the parking lot. A young child was ahead of her. She did not see the woman yell and it appeared that she just was not keeping up with the child or keeping the child in her control. She did not see her chase the child.

I was able to obtain attendance records for June 10, 2021. It appears that Child A was signed out by his mother at 3:56pm.

In reviewing the three incident reports that were written up by Ashley Hill, Maranda Graves, and Asher Lafferty-McGill, it appears that these written statements appear to be the same as the information given to me during my interviews with each of these individuals.

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:	Appropriate care and supervision were provided to Child A at the center on June 10, 2021.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the license status.

Catherine Edgar

June 30, 2021

Catherine S. Edgar
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Crecendra Brown

June 30, 2021

Crecendra Brown
Area Manager

Date