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October 14, 2022

Nichole Dodson
Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too
700 W. Adrian St
Blissfield, MI 49228

RE: License #: DC460396590
Investigation #: 2022D0104015
Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy

Dear Ms. Dodson:

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:

R400.8840(6) Swimming activity area.

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

- I interviewed the person who made the complaint, program director, licensee, licensee designee, child care staff member and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 6/20/2022.

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

R400.8840(6) Swimming activity area.

Upon receipt of an acceptable correction plan, I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 11/04/2022. 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.	<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"/>

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](#).

Sincerely,



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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC460396590
Investigation #:	2022D0104015
Complaint Receipt Date:	06/15/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	06/16/2022
Report Due Date:	08/14/2022
Licensee Name:	Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too
Licensee Address:	700 W. Adrian St Blissfield, MI 49228
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 673-2011
Administrator:	Nichole Dodson, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Nichole Dodson, Designee
Name of Facility:	Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy
Facility Address:	700 W. Adrian St Blissfield, MI 49228
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 918-5422
Original Issuance Date:	02/04/2019
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	12/02/2020
Expiration Date:	12/01/2022
Capacity:	33
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
The center is using inflatable water toys and wading pools at the center.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

06/15/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022D0104015
06/16/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone call to complainant to gain further information regarding allegations.
06/20/2022	Inspection Completed Onsite from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Interview with Ms. Kennedy Armstrong, child care staff member and observation of the center and outdoor play area.
07/08/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Ms. Nikki Dodson, licensee designee and program director.
08/26/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Ms. Caitlynn Elliott, childcare staff member - left message.
08/26/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Ms. Celina Gilbert, child care staff member.
08/26/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Ms. Julie Tedora, child care staff member - left message.
08/26/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Ms. Mariah Garcia, child care staff member - no answer.
08/26/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Ms. Caitlynn Elliott, child care staff member.
08/26/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Ms. Mckenna Russell, child care staff member - left message.
08/26/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Ms. McKenzie Lindeman, no answer.
08/26/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Ms. Vanessa Flores, child care staff member.

09/30/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Ms. Mariah Garcia, child care staff member
09/30/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone interview with Ms. Julie Tedora, child care staff member.
09/30/2022	Exit Conference with Ms. Dodson, licensee designee.
10/07/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Child B & C's Mother - left message.
10/07/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Child A's Mother - left message.
10/07/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Child A's Mother.
10/07/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
10/07/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Child B & C's Mother.

ALLEGATION: The center is using inflatable water toys and wading pools at the center.

INVESTIGATION: On 6/16/22, I made a telephone call to the complainant to gain further information regarding the complaint. The complainant said the center is allowing children to use inflatable water toys and pools which are restricted for child care center use. The complainant forwarded the department pictures of child care children using inflatable water toys and children sitting in a wading pool. The photographs entailed a picture of a large inflatable slide with an attached wading pool. The second photograph consisted of a photograph of school-aged children sliding down an inflatable slip-n-slide with an area at the end of the slip-n-slide that holds water. The third photograph was a picture of small toddler-aged children sitting in a wading pool.

On 6/20/22, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to the center and interviewed Ms. Kennedy Armstrong, child care staff member. I informed Ms. Armstrong of the allegation. Ms. Armstrong admitted to the allegation indicating that she recently purchased the inflatable water toys and a wading pool for the summer program as the center does weekly themed events and was getting ready for a camping and water theme event. I showed Ms. Armstrong the photo images that were sent to the department with child care children using the inflatable water toys and wading pool. I informed Ms. Armstrong that inflatable water toys that hold water

and wading pool are restricted for use in child care centers. I explained to Ms. Armstrong that private wading pools do not allow for adequate control of sanitation and safety and can promote the transmission of infectious disease. Regarding inflatable water toys, I informed Ms. Armstrong that any type of inflatable water toy that holds water is also restricted for the same reasons as wading pools and can be a drowning hazard to the child care children. Ms. Armstrong expressed an understanding to the licensing rule and said she would no longer use any inflatable water toys that hold water or wading pools with the children at the center. Ms. Armstrong explained that she was just trying to incorporate water play into their themed activities due to the excessive warm summer days that they have been experiencing. Due to the inflatable water toys and wading pool just recently being purchased, Ms. Armstrong said the child care children had only used the inflatable water toys and wading pool on one occasion, 6/6/22 which was from the photo images that was sent to the department. I informed Ms. Armstrong that the children can engage in permissible water play by having the children engage in sprinkler play if she receives prior parental permission for their children to engage in the water play activity. Ms. Armstrong said she would incorporate this into the daily activity and would consider also adding a field trip for the older school-aged children to engage in water play at a sprinkler water play pad located at a local community park. I reiterated to Ms. Armstrong that these ideas would be acceptable forms of water play and reminded her that she just wanted to make sure she was abiding by the licensing rules when engaging in water play activities. Ms. Armstrong said she would no longer use the inflatable water toys and wading pools at the center and informed me that she would remove them from the premises and keep them at her home to assure they are no longer used.

On 7/8/22, I interviewed Ms. Nikki Dodson, licensee designee regarding the allegation. Ms. Dodson confirmed the children engaging in water play on the inflatable water toys and wading pool. Ms. Dodson reiterated Ms. Armstrong's statement indicating that she was unaware of them being prohibited at child care centers. Ms. Dodson confirmed that the items were removed from the center premises and informed me that the children now only engage in sprinkler water play while in care at the center. Ms. Dodson also confirmed that the prohibited inflatable water toys and wading pool were removed from the center on 6/20/22 and were taken to Ms. Armstrong's home in order to assure that they were never used again by the child care children. Ms. Dodson and I discussed acceptable ways the children could still engage in water play and remain in compliance with the licensing rules that included the use or sprinkler play as long as the center received prior parental permission. Ms. Dodson expressed an understanding of the licensing rules and said that she would be only using sprinklers for the children when they are engaged in water play activities.

On 8/26/22 and 9/30/22, I separately interviewed Ms. Caitlynn Elliott, Ms. Celina Gilbert, Ms. Julie Tedora, Ms. Mariah Garcia, and Ms. Vanessa Flores all whom are child care staff members at the center via telephone. I informed all of the child care staff members of the allegation. All the child care staff members confirmed the

children using prohibited forms of inflatable water toys and a wading pool at the center on 6/6/22. All the child care staff members said since Ms. Armstrong was made aware of the inflatable water toys and wading pools being prohibited for child care use in a center, she removed them from the center. All the child care staff members confirmed the center no longer allowing the children to use the inflatable water toys and wading pools. All the child care staff members acknowledged Ms. Armstrong's statement regarding the child care children only engaging in sprinkler play during water play activities. They also confirmed the center receiving prior parental permission before the child care children engage in any water play activities.

On 8/26/22 and 9/30/22, I attempted to separately interview Ms. McKenna Russell and Ms. McKenzie Lindeman, both who are child care staff members at the center via telephone without success.

On 10/7/22, I separately interviewed Child A's Mother and Child B & C's Mother via telephone. Neither Child A's Mother nor Child B & C's Mother expressed any concerns regarding the care and supervision the center provides for their children each day. Both parents acknowledged the center receiving prior parental permission to allow their children to engage in water paly activities and confirmed that the center now only uses sprinklers when the children have water play. Both parents acknowledged their children looking forward to attending care at the center each day. Child B & C's Mother said both Ms. Dodson and Ms. Armstrong have gone above and beyond with providing acre for her children as they have also helped provide her with suggestions to assist Child B (age 4 years, male) with his behaviors as he is on the autism spectrum.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8840	Swimming activity area.
	(6) The use of hot tubs and private wading pools is prohibited.
ANALYSIS:	On 6/6/22, the center allowed the child care children to use wading pools and inflatable water toys that retained water which are prohibited in child care centers.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

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

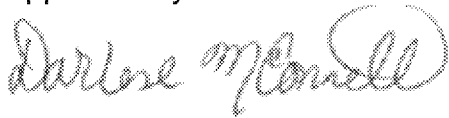


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Date

Approved By:



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Date