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REDACTED REPORT

November 3, 2022

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

RE: License #: DC460407120
Investigation #: 2022D0104021
Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too

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:

R400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements.

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: 8/15/22 and 10/3/22.

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"/>

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](#).

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. The **redacted report** and any related corrective action plans must be placed 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 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 (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,



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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC460407120
Investigation #:	2022D0104021
Complaint Receipt Date:	08/12/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	08/15/2022
Report Due Date:	10/11/2022
Licensee Name:	Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too
Licensee Address:	700 W. Adrian St Blissfield, MI 49228
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 918-5422
Administrator:	Nichole Dodson, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Nichole Dodson, Designee
Name of Facility:	Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too
Facility Address:	1100 Sutton Rd Adrian, MI 49221
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 918-5422
Original Issuance Date:	06/25/2021
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	12/25/2021
Expiration Date:	12/24/2023
Capacity:	37
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child A (age 5 years, female) attended care at Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too. Around [REDACTED], Child A disclosed that a [REDACTED] while [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Child A no longer attends care at the center.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

08/12/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022D0104021
08/15/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with complainant.
08/15/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with [REDACTED]
08/15/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Onsite from 10:45a.m. until 1:00p.m. Interview with Ms. Nikki Dodson, licensee designee and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Observation of [REDACTED] classroom during nap/rest time.
09/30/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with [REDACTED] child care staff member - left message.
09/30/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with [REDACTED] child care staff member. - left message.
09/30/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with [REDACTED] child care staff member - left message.
09/30/2022	Contact - Telephone call received Attempted telephone interview with [REDACTED] child care staff member - no answer.
10/03/2022	Inspection Completed On-site Onsite from 11:30a.m. until 12:45p.m. Interview with Ms. Nikki Dodson, licensee designee, [REDACTED], child care staff member. Observation of children during lunch and nap/rest time.
10/03/2022	Exit Conference with Ms. Dodson, licensee designee.

10/12/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with [REDACTED], child care staff member.
10/12/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with [REDACTED] child care staff member.
10/12/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with [REDACTED] child care staff member - no answer.
10/12/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Child A, B & C's Guardian - left message.
10/12/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Child D's Mother.
10/12/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Child E & F's Mother.
10/19/2022	Contact - Attempted telephone interview with Child A, B & C's Guardian - left message.
10/19/2022	Contact - Telephone interview with Child A, B & C's Guardian.
10/19/2022	Special investigation – full compliance.

ALLEGATION: Child A (age 5 years, female) attended care at Lenawee Intergenerational Learning Academy Too. Around [REDACTED], Child A disclosed that a [REDACTED] Child A no longer attends care at the center.

INVESTIGATION: On 8/15/22 I interviewed the complainant via telephone in an attempt to get further information regarding the allegations. No additional information was obtained.

On 8/15/22, I interviewed [REDACTED] via telephone. [REDACTED] informed me that she currently works with Child A, Child B (age 4 years, female) and Child C (age 8 years female) who live with Child A, B, & C's Guardian. Child A, B, & C's Mother told [REDACTED] that Child A informed her mother that she was [REDACTED] while [REDACTED] while she attended care at the center.

On 8/15/22, [REDACTED] informed me that she had separately interviewed Child A at Child A, B, & C's Guardians home using the [REDACTED]. The interview took place in a bedroom at the home. [REDACTED] spoke with the Child A about her toys and school. During the interview process, [REDACTED] had to keep

redirecting Child A from wanting to show [REDACTED] all of the toys in her bedroom. [REDACTED] also said Child A did not have any concept of time and referred to everything as yesterday or tomorrow. When she was asked about starting school, Child A replied with her starting school tomorrow even though it wasn't until the following week. [REDACTED] noted that Child A, Child B and Child C only attended care at the center for a short time, approximately [REDACTED] in October of 2021 before they moved with Child A, B, & C's Guardian. According to [REDACTED] Child A did not disclose to her anything about being [REDACTED] while attending care at the center. When they spoke about her attending care at the center and what she liked and disliked about the center, Child A said she said that she liked doing drawings, cutting paper with scissors, and eating dinner. Child A said the people who worked at the center were good. The only thing Child A told [REDACTED] that she disliked or felt scared about was thunderstorms. Child A informed [REDACTED] when she was scared or felt unsafe, she could talk with her mom and Child A, B, & C's Guardian. The interview was ended at this time as Child A was more interested in playing with her toys.

On 8/15/21, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to the center and separately interviewed Ms. Nichole Dodson, licensee designee and [REDACTED]. I informed them of the allegations. Both Ms. Dodson and [REDACTED] denied the allegation indicating that Child A had never disclosed ever being [REDACTED]. Ms. Dodson informed me that Child A, Child B, and Child C only attended care at the center for approximately [REDACTED], from [REDACTED]. During that timeframe, both Ms. Dodson and [REDACTED] said Child A exhibited concerning acting out behaviors such as frequently using the bathroom and [REDACTED] during nap/rest time. Child A also expressed concern and [REDACTED]. These behaviors and fears led them to suspect concerns regarding Child A's living environment. In addition, the children were present at the center for extended periods of time, up to approximately 12 hours per day. Ms. Dodson and [REDACTED] spoke with Child A, B & C's Mother regarding their concerns. Their mother also expressed concerns regarding the same [REDACTED]. After Child A disclosed concerning allegations regarding [REDACTED], they notified the appropriate investigating agencies.

During my unannounced onsite inspections on 8/15/22 and 10/3/22, I observed the children during mealtime, small and large group activities, and nap/rest time. Child care staff member interactions with children were positive and nurturing. The child care staff members were actively engaged with the children during my observations. During nap/rest time, the child care staff members sat with the children and gently patted their backs to help comfort them while they fell asleep. The center is located inside the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) building. The USDA building is a one-story freestanding building located in Adrian, Michigan. The center utilizes four rooms as approved child use space: [REDACTED] room 1, [REDACTED] Room 2, [REDACTED] transition room, and [REDACTED] room. All the rooms were equipped with an

adequate amount of age-appropriate play and learning equipment conducive to an infant and toddler child care, preschool, and before after school-age program setting.

On 9/30/22, 10/3/22 and 10/12/22, I separately interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] via telephone, all who are child care staff members at the center. I informed the child care staff members of the allegations. [REDACTED] all conformed working with Child A in the [REDACTED] room at the center. I informed them of the allegations. All the child care staff members denied Child A making any comment to them regarding [REDACTED]. The child care staff members confirmed Child A being present at the center a short time from [REDACTED]. They each described Child A as a "nice girl" who was shy and kept to herself. All the child care staff members said Child A, Child B and Child C liked attending care at the center each day and had a good relationship with all of the child care staff members. When Child A was first dropped off to care, she kept to herself and within a couple of minutes, warmed up to the other children and child care staff members. While present at the center, Child A did not like to go to the bathroom by herself. [REDACTED] said when she asked Child A why she did not like to use the bathroom alone, Child A disclosed concerning allegations regarding another [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that these allegations were referred to other investigating state agencies.

On 9/30/22 and 10/12/22, I made two separate attempts to interview [REDACTED], child care staff member without success.

On 10/19/22, I interviewed Child A, B & C's Guardian via telephone. I informed her of the allegation. Child A, B & C's Guardian denied Child A ever disclosing to her that [REDACTED] while she was in care at the center. Child A, B & C's Guardian said she has been caring for Child A, Child B and Child C since 2022. She also confirmed Child A, Child B and Child C attending care at the center from [REDACTED]. During that timeframe, Child A, B & C's Guardian said the children enjoyed attending care at the center and when she arrived to pick them up from care, they children would not want to leave. Child A, B & C's Guardian did not express any concerns regarding the care and supervision the center provided for Child A, Child B and Child C. The child care staff members at the center spoke with her on a daily basis regarding the children's experiences while in care.

On 10/12/22, I separately interviewed Child D's Mother and Child E & F's Mother via telephone. Neither of the parents expressed any concerns regarding the care and supervision the center provides for their children each day. Both parents acknowledged the parents communicating with them on a daily basis regarding their children's experiences each day. Child E & F's Mother said both Child E (age 3 ½ years female) and Child F (age 1 years, female) look forward to attending care at the center each day.

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:	The child care staff member provides the children with appropriate care and supervision at all times; none of the child care staff members had observed Child A [REDACTED] while in care at the center.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the current license status.

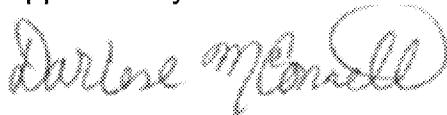


11/03/2022

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Date

Approved By:



11/03/2022

Darlese McConnell
Area Manager

Date