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4/09/2024

Dana Kraus
Mini Kampus II, Inc.
22412 Corteville,
St. Clair Shores, MI, 48081

License Number: DC500016584
Special Investigation Number: SI-00078372

Dear Ms. Kraus,

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 |
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| R 400.8140(2)(a) | Hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, pinching, or inflicting other forms of corporal punishment. |
| R 400.8140(2) | All of the following means of punishment are prohibited: |

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

- I interviewed: I interviewed the complainant, license designee/program director, child care staff members, and any other individuals with pertinent information.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 11/9/2023

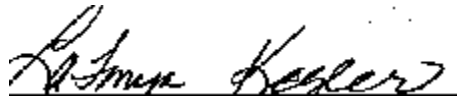
As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

| During this special investigation: | Yes | No |
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| 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](#).

Please review this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Latonya Kegler at (586) 256-1280 or keglerr@michigan.gov. In the event that Latonya Kegler is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Latonya Kegler, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 4/8/2024

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| Special Investigation Number | Complaint/Incident Receipt Date |
| SI-00078372 | 10/12/2023 |
| Investigation Initiation Date | Report Due Date |
| 10/17/2023 | 1/6/2024 |
| License Number | Licensee Name(s) |
| DC500016584 | Mini Kampus II, Inc. |
| Facility Name | Licensee Designee(s) |
| Mini Kampus Nurs Schl and Kgn | Dana R Krause |
| Program Type | Central Administrator(s) |
| Center | |
| Capacity | Program Director(s) Name |
| 94 | |
| Facility Address | Mailing Address |
| 21201 13 Mile Road St Margaret Bldg, St Clair Shores, MI, 48082 | 22412 Corteville, St. Clair Shores, MI, 48081 |
| Facility Phone Number | Facility Email Address |
| 5862942497 | minikampus4@gmail.com |
| Original License Issuance Date | License Status: |
| // | Regular |
| License Effective Date: | License Expiration Date: |
| 7/3/2022 | 7/2/2024 |

ALLEGATION(S)

| | Violation Established? |
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| CCSM1 spanked Child A (female, 2 years of age) because she ran out of the restroom. | No |
| CCSM2 is mean to Child A and refused to give her a blanket at naptime. | No |

METHODOLOGY

| Date | Activity |
|-------------|---|
| 10/17/2023 | Special Investigation Case Created SI-00078372 |
| 10/17/2023 | Special Investigation Initiated via Phone Call Interview with Child A's Mother. |
| 11/9/2023 | Exit Conference with Licensee designee Dana Krause |
| 11/9/2023 | Inspection Completed On-Site |

ALLEGATION: CCSM1 spanked Child A (female, 2 years of age) because she ran out of the restroom.

INVESTIGATION: On October 17, 2023, I interviewed Child A's Mother. She reported that on October 11, 2023, Child A (female, 2 years of age) came home and said that child care staff member 1 (CCSM1) whooped her a** (used explicative for behind) because she ran out the bathroom. Child A's Mother reported the information to licensee designee Dana Krause who denied that the incident occurred. Child A's Mother also mentioned a concern that CCSM1 may have also grabbed Child A's arm. There were no marks on Child A's arm or buttocks.

On November 9, 2023, I made an unannounced onsite investigation to the center. I interviewed licensee designee Dana Krause. Child A was enrolled in one of their early head start classrooms. She was contacted by Child A's Mother who reported that Child A came home and said that CCSM1 whooped her because she ran out of the bathroom. She told the mother she would talk to staff to find out what happened. She interviewed CCSM1, CCSM2, and CCSM3 and there was no indication that this incident happened at the center. After speaking with staff, she informed the mother that there was no indication that this happened at the center. Since this incident Child A has been transferred to another location and is no longer enrolled at this center. CCSM1 has worked at the center for a few years and has never been accused of using inappropriate discipline with children. No other parents or staff have voiced any concerns pertaining to how she cares for or interacts with children. She described CCSM1's demeanor as being warm with the children and she has never seen her get frustrated. She also works really well with the other ccsm's. Ms. Krause has no concerns regarding how CCSM1 interacts with children. Child A does not exhibit any real behavioral challenges so this allegation was confusing. Ms. Krause made the required reporting notifications to her licensing consultant Jennifer DeMuynck as required. Ms. Krause has completed the required comprehensive fingerprint background clearance check on CCSM1. There is nothing in her file that would indicate that she is not eligible to work with children.

On November 9, 2023, I interviewed CCSM1 regarding the allegation. She has worked at the center for 2 ½ years and has never been accused of hitting a child. She denied that she hit/spanked or used any method of corporal punishment with Child A and is very confused why Child A would say that she whooped her. She denied that she made any threatening remarks to Child A about being spanked or whooped. They were in the bathroom and Child A was running around inside of the restroom, she verbally told Child A to use her walking feet. CCSM1 stepped inside one of the restroom stalls to assist another child and placed them on the toilet. When she walked back out of the stall, she saw Child A attempting to run toward the restroom entrance, she called out for Child A to come back and reached her hand out. Child A came back toward CCSM1 and held her hand. This was the only time she actually touched Child A. She never grabbed Child A by the arm. Child A went to the sink to wash her hands. She called out for

CCSM3 to come into the restroom to assist as she needed to finish supervising the child who was on the toilet. CCSM3 entered the restroom and began assisting with Child A. CCSM1 finished assisting the child in the stall, they washed hands and returned to the classroom. Child A was still in the restroom with CCSM3. The discipline techniques she uses with children are gentle touches, and redirection by the hand. She denied ever getting frustrated with Child A. Child A does not have behavioral problems that would cause someone to get frustrated. CCSM1 never had to redirect her physically, she will follow directions when verbally asked to do something. She has given a few verbal reminders to Child A but for typical toddler behaviors and this is not very often.

On November 9, 2023, I interviewed CCSM2 regarding the allegation. She was on a break and out of the room when the alleged incident occurred but noted that there were two incidents with Child A in the restroom. The incident with Child A and CCSM1 was mid-morning just prior to lunch. CCSM2 also had to address inappropriate behavior with Child A later in the day in the bathroom. After naptime she was lining the children up to go the restroom and Child A and another child ran ahead of the group and ran into the restroom. She explained to them both that it is not safe to run as they can injure themselves. While CCSM2 was in one of the stalls assisting another child, Child A was in another stall playing. Ms. Krause entered the restroom and advised Child A that if she was done toileting, she needed to flush the toilet and wash her hands. When Child A finished washing her hands she tried to run out of the bathroom and Ms. Krause informed Child A that she needed to stay in the restroom with her teacher. As a result of Child A attempting to run out of the restroom several times on this day, they put protocols in place that two caregivers will go to the restroom together. She denied that she hit or used any form of corporal punishment with Child A. There are no behavioral issues with Child A and she doesn't require a lot of redirection and she normally follows verbal requests from the caregivers. I asked CCSM2 to describe CCSM1's demeanor. She reported that she is bubbly, loving and is very patient with the children. She is one of the best assistants that she has worked with and is a great team mate. She denied ever witnessing or having knowledge of CCSM1 using inappropriate discipline with Child A or any other child. She has no concerns regarding CCSM1's interaction with children.

On November 9, 2023, I interviewed CCSM3. She was in the classroom when she heard CCSM1 call out that she needed help. CCSM1 was in the restroom located across the hall from the classroom and Child A was trying to run out of the restroom. CCSM3 immediately left the classroom and entered the restroom. When CCSM3 entered the restroom, Child A was at the sink washing her hands and seemed happy. She was not crying nor distressed in any way. CCSM1 was not positioned near Child A and was assisting another child in one of the restroom stalls and her demeanor appeared calm. When CCSM1 finished assisting the child in the restroom stall they both returned to the classroom. CCSM3 remained in the restroom with Child A and another child. Child A did not tell her that CCSM1 spanked her and was fine the rest of the day. There were no other incidents that she is aware of between CCSM1 and Child A. She did not recall any other incidents when Child A had to be redirected by CCSM1. The next day she was informed by Ms. Krause that Child A's Mother alleged that

CCSM1 grabbed Child A by the arm when they were in the restroom. She informed Ms. Krause that she did not witness this occurring and that when she entered the restroom, CCSM1 was assisting another child in the restroom stall and this was the reason she called out for help when Child A tried to run out of the restroom. A few days later during morning drop off Child A was brought to school by her mother and grandmother. Child A's Mother informed CCSM3 that Child A did not want to come to school because CCSM1 "whooped her a**" in the bathroom. She was confused because the initial allegation was that Child A was grabbed by the arm and now it was being alleged that Child A was spanked. She tried to assure Child A's Mother that this was not what happened and that she switched places with CCSM1 in the bathroom and that Child A was not upset or distressed when she entered the restroom. Child A's grandmother tried to confront CCSM1 regarding the allegation and reported that she was going to stay in the room with Child A. The grandmother was informed that they need to do a clearance before she is allowed to volunteer in the room and that they couldn't allow her to stay. She remained in the room for a few minutes then both Child A's Mother and grandmother left the center and Child A remained at the center. "Child A is a very good child. She does not exhibit behavioral issues and I have never heard her use any profanity. Any time she is asked to do something she generally cooperates when asked by childcare staff." Due to Child A attempting to run from the restroom, they developed protocol to keep the restroom door closed when they are taking children to the restroom in hopes of stopping them from trying to run out of the restroom. She described CCSM1's demeanor as fun loving and happy. She loves interacting and cuddling with the children. I have no concerns at all regarding CCSM1. She denied ever witnessing or having knowledge of CCSM1 using physical discipline with Child A or any other child.

During the exit conference with Ms. Krause, I informed her that there is no evidence to support the allegation.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

| APPLICABLE RULES | |
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| R 400.8140(2)(a) | All of the following means of punishment are prohibited: (2a) Hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, pinching, or inflicting other forms of corporal punishment. |
| ANALYSIS: | There is insufficient evidence to conclude that CCSM1 spanked Child A. |
| CONCLUSION: | Violation Not Established |

ALLEGATION: CCSM2 is mean to Child A and refused to give her a blanket at naptime.

INVESTIGATION: During the onsite investigation, I interviewed Ms. Krause. Child A's Mother addressed with her a concern that CCSM2 is being mean to Child A and refused to give her a blanket. Children come to the center with their own sleeping supplies. The

center has extra blankets for children who arrive without their supplies. Ms. Krause denied that she has ever witnessed or has knowledge of CCSM2 being mean to Child A or any other child. No other parents or staff have expressed concerns to Ms. Krause that CCSM2 is inappropriate with children. Ms. Krause has completed the required comprehensive fingerprint background clearance check on CCSM2. There is nothing in her file that would indicate that she is not eligible to work with children.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed CCSM1. She denied the allegation that CCSM2 is mean to Child A and reported that CCSM2 is patient with children. She denied witnessing or having any knowledge of CCSM2 refusing to give a blanket to Child A. Child A gets a blanket every day. She is normally one of the first children to go to sleep. She arrives very early so she is normally tired and ready to take a nap. Child A does not exhibit any behavior problems and is not the type of child that would cause a caregiver to become impatient or frustrated.

During the onsite investigation, I interviewed CCSM2. On October 11, 2023, she was called out of the classroom to speak with Child A's Mother who had concerns about her being mean to Child A and refusing to give her a blanket. CCSM2 denied that she is being mean to Child A. She informed Child A's Mother that she had to verbally redirect her during a bathroom break when she tried to run off from the group and maybe she was upset about being redirected and thought she was being mean. Child A's Mother seemed fine with the explanation. Child A's Mother informed CCSM2 that Child A also says to her mother that she is being mean to her when she is being redirected at home. CCSM2 denied that Child A has any behavioral issues. "She is my little helper and very cooperative and mature for her age." CCSM2 denied that she ever refused to give Child A her blanket at naptime. She denied that she had to redirect Child A during naptime. I asked CCSM2 if there was ever a time when Child A was not provided with a blanket. CCSM2 reported that she is the one who puts out the cots and Child A has never been without a blanket. Children are required to bring their blankets from home; however, the center keeps extras in the room for children who forget their blankets. Whatever they bring from home is what she puts on their cots. Child A frequently comes to school without a blanket and they have to provide one for Child A. Child A has never been without a blanket. CCSM2 showed this consultant the area where the children store their own bedding supplies as well as the area where the extra sheets and blankets are kept in the classroom.

During the onsite investigation I interviewed CCSM3. She denied the allegation that CCSM2 is mean to Child A or any of the children. CCSM3 described CCSM2's demeanor as very cheerful when interacting with the children. She has no concerns regarding how she interacts with children. She denied ever witnessing or having knowledge of CCSM2 using an inappropriate discipline technique or treating Child A or any other child in a threatening or shaming manner. She denied any knowledge of CCSM2 refusing to give Child A her blanket at naptime. The children bring their own blankets to school every Monday. They keep the blankets and sheets in their cubes to keep them separated. If they forget their blanket or sheet, they keep extras at the center to provide them to children. There have been times when Child A has come to

school without a blanket but they have provided her with one every time she has forgotten to bring an item from home. She denied that there was ever a time when Child A was without a blanket.

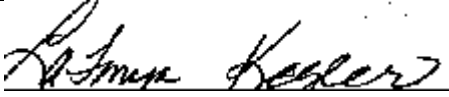

During the exit conference with Ms. Krause, I informed her that there is no evidence to support the allegation.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

| APPLICABLE RULES | |
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| R 400.8140(2)(d) | All of the following means of punishment are prohibited: (2d) Inflicting mental or emotional punishment, such as humiliating, shaming, or threatening a child. |
| ANALYSIS: | There is insufficient evidence to conclude that CCSM2 was mean or used emotional punishment by refusing to give a blanket to Child A. |
| CONCLUSION: | Violation Not Established |

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

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

| Approved By: | |
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|  4/8/2024 |  04/09/2024 |
| Latonya Kegler Consultant Date | Crecendra Boone Manager Date |