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November 7, 2023

Amanda Schmitz
The Monroe Family YMCA
1111 W. Elm Avenue
Monroe, MI 48161

RE: License #: DC580275192
Investigation #: 2023D1010012
Monroe Family YMCA

Dear Ms. Schmitz:

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:

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements

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

- I interviewed the program director, child care staff members, parents, and others with relevant information.
- I completed an onsite inspection on 08/09/2023.

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

R 400.8125(1) **Staff; volunteer; requirements**

I recommend no change to the current license status.

The special investigation report is attached. Due to the violation(s) identified in the report, a written corrective action plan was required. On 8/30/2023, you submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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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enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC580275192
Investigation #:	2023D1010012
Complaint Receipt Date:	08/01/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	08/01/2023
Report Due Date:	09/30/2023
Licensee Name:	The Monroe Family YMCA
Licensee Address:	1111 W. Elm Avenue Monroe, MI 48161
Licensee Telephone #:	(734) 246-2606
Administrator:	Amanda Schmitz, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Amanda Schmitz, Designee
Name of Facility:	Monroe Family YMCA
Facility Address:	1111 West Elm Ave. Monroe, MI 48162
Facility Telephone #:	(734) 241-2606
Original Issuance Date:	06/09/2005
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	07/27/2021
Expiration Date:	07/26/2023
Capacity:	105
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
On 07/27/2023, Child A (age 11 years, male) was injured by a metal bungee cord that was attached to a cage used for storing outside play equipment.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

08/01/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023D1010012
08/01/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Telephone interview with Child Care Staff Member 1 (CCSM1)
08/01/2023	Contact - Telephone call received. Telephone interview with Child A's Mother
08/09/2023	Inspection Completed On-site Arrival 12:00p.m.-departure 12:30p.m. The children were on a field trip for the day. Interview with Program Director Lizzy Stritt
08/29/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Child Care Staff Member 2 (CCSM2)
08/30/2023	Exit Conference- Program Director Lizzy Stritt

ALLEGATION: On 07/27/2023 Child A (age 11 years, male) was injured by a metal bungee cord that was attached to a cage used for storing outside play equipment.

INVESTIGATION: On 07/28/2023, I received an incident report from Lizzy Stritt, program director regarding Child A being injured by a metal bungee cord that was attached to a cage used for storing outside play equipment. I called Child Care Staff Member 1 (CCSM 1) on 08/01/2023. CCSM 1 stated that she was helping children make pizzas in a group of around 18 children along with another small group of 18 children totaling to 36 children in the gym at the time of the accident. CCSM 1 explained that Child A wanted to know how far the bungy cord could stretch. CCSM 1 explained that the children are not allowed to open the equipment cage due to the bungee cord being "dangerous" because of the two metal hooks that are located on

each end. CCSM1 stated that the children are aware that they are not allowed to go into the equipment bin without a Child Care Staff Member. CCSM1 did not see the accident with Child A due to her leading a small group but she did instruct CCSM 2 to take Child A to the office after she viewed his eye after the accident.

On 08/01/2023 I interviewed Child A's Mother. Child A's Mother informed me that Child A suffered an injury to the Iris that was filled with blood at the time of the incident. There was no loss of vision and Child A will be out for at least a week per doctor's orders. Child A's Mother stated that this was a complete accident, and she was notified in a timely manner. Child A's Mother did not have any concerns and spoke highly of the summer program.

On 08/09/2023 I completed an on-site inspection, but the children were out for the day on a field trip. I interviewed Program director Lizzy Stritt. Mrs. Stritt stated that she was not in the gym when the accident occurred. Mrs. Stritt stated that the bin was kept outside but brought in due to the weather. Mrs. Stritt also explained that the kids could not open the cage due to the number of children in the room which will cause a huge mess. When viewing the bin, I noticed the metal hooks that were used to secure the cage which were used to keep it locked were missing, Mrs. Stritt informed me that the hooks were confiscated by EMS and were not returned.

I called Child Care Staff Member 2 (CCSM 2) on 08/29/2023. CCSM2 stated that he was in the gym with CCSM 1, both Child Care Staff Members were leading projects with each having a group of 18 children, for a total of 36 children in the gym at this time. Child A went to play in another section within the gym after the project. After a few minutes CCSM 2 stated that he saw Child A "freaking out". Child A kept asking CCSM 2 if his eye was swollen but he continued to cover his eye with his hand. CCSM 2 finally was able to get Child A to uncover his eye. CCSM 2 stated that when Child A uncovered his eye and opened it CCSM 2 began to see blood fill the eye. CCSM 2 reached out for help to by CCSM 1 who rushed over to assist. CCSM 1 walked Child A to the office. When CCSM 1 asked Child A what happened, he told her that he was hit in the eye with the bungee cord from the "equipment bin". The program director Mrs. Stritt called 911 and Child A's parents immediately after the eye was observed. While waiting for EMS an ice pack was given to Child A to place on his eye.

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:	Child Care Staff Members stored equipment inside of the building that could be harmful to children due to the metal bungee cord that was used to keep it locked.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change to the current license.

Tanara Abner

11/07/2023

Tanara Abner
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Darlese McConnell

11/07/2023

Darlese McConnell
Area Manager

Date