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May 8, 2023

Nicole VanDaele
 c/o Monroe County Intermediate School District
 1101 S. Raisinville Rd
 Monroe, MI 48161

RE: License #: DC580361493
 Investigation #: 2023D0185010
 Riverside Head Start/GSRP Center

Dear Ms. VanDaele:

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing bureau received information regarding your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The information was related to the following:

R 400.8140(2)(c) Discipline.

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

- I interviewed the program director, licensee designee, child care staff members, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 04/03/2023.

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
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 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 #:	DC580361493
Investigation #:	2023D0185010
Complaint Receipt Date:	03/23/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	03/27/2023
Report Due Date:	05/22/2023
Licensee Name:	Monroe County Intermediate School District
Licensee Address:	1101 S. Raisinville Rd Monroe, MI 48161
Licensee Telephone #:	(734) 242-5799
Administrator:	Nicole VanDaele, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Nicole VanDaele, Designee
Name of Facility:	Riverside Head Start/GSRP Center
Facility Address:	77 N. Roessler Monroe, MI 48162
Facility Telephone #:	(734) 265-4902
Original Issuance Date:	08/22/2014
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	06/18/2021
Expiration Date:	06/17/2023
Capacity:	40
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Ms. Danielle Mungar, program director, holds children down during nap time.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

03/23/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0185010
03/27/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Interview with Nicole VanDaele, licensee designee
03/27/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted interview with Eric Feldman, superintendent for human resources. Left message for him to call.
03/27/2023	Contact - Telephone call received Interview with Mr. Feldman
04/03/2023	Inspection Completed On-site On-site inspection was delayed due to program being closed for spring break. Arrived at 12:20pm Interview with Danielle Munger, program director, and Child Care Staff Member 1 and 2. Departed at 1:00pm
04/03/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted interview with Child Care Staff Member 3. Left message for her to call.
04/04/2023	Contact - Telephone call received Voice message from Child Care Staff Member 3
04/04/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Child Care Staff Member 3
05/03/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Child A's Mother

05/03/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Interview with Child B's Mother
05/03/2023	Exit Conference Interview with Ms. VanDaele

ALLEGATION: Ms. Danielle Mungar, program director, holds children down during nap time

INVESTIGATION: Mr. Eric Feldman, superintendent of human resources, stated that he was informed that an individual reported to human resources that Ms. Danielle Mungar, program director, holds children down during nap. Mr. Feldman reported the allegation to Ms. Nicole VanDaele, licensee designee, on 03/23/2023. There were no specific dates or children named in the allegation.

Ms. VanDaele made a verbal report of the incident to the department on 03/23/2023. She submitted a written report regarding the incident later that day.

I completed an unannounced on-site inspection at the center. The inspection occurred during nap time. Some children were already asleep, and others were having their backs patted. No children were being held down.

Child Care Staff Member 1 stated that there are several children in the classroom with special needs. A few children do not lie down to nap. The children's cots are placed in zones and each child care staff member works on getting the children in their zone asleep. Once all the children in the child care staff members zone are asleep, then the child care staff member can help in another zone. One of the children in care does not nap and likes to follow Ms. Mungar around while she pats other children's backs. He will often sit in Ms. Mungar's lap and do an activity during nap time. Another child likes to be rocked to fall asleep. The child care staff members try to be flexible with the nap time process to fit the needs of the children in care. Children are not required to go to sleep.

Child Care Staff Member 2 stated that no child care staff members holds children down at nap time. One of the children in care likes to be rocked like a baby, so sometimes Ms. Mungar will rock the child in her arms to help him fall asleep. None of the contact that child care staff members have with the children is inappropriate.

Child Care Staff Member 3 stated that children are not held down on their cots during nap time. Sometimes a child runs around during nap time while the other children are resting. Ms. Mungar may hold that child in her lap if this happens so that the child does not run around the room and potentially hurt themselves or others. This holding is not done inappropriately.

Ms. Mungar stated that she does not hold children down when they nap. Sometimes during nap time, a child will run around the classroom while the other children are laying down and it is a hazard for the running child and the children in care. She will have the child sit between her legs while she sits on the floor next to a cot and pats another child's back. One child likes to be rocked like a baby. Most children like their backs to be patted.

Child A's Mother stated that she has no concerns about the care and supervision that the center child care staff members provide. The child care staff members have worked with her on helping Child A at nap time since he often doesn't want to rest. Child A loves going to the center.

Child B's Mother stated that Child B sometimes struggles with nap time. The child care staff members have worked with her to help her rest. Child B's Mother stated that the child care staff members have done a great job with regard to getting Child B to nap. She has no concerns regarding the care and supervision that the child care staff members provide. Child B enjoys attending the center.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8140	Discipline.
	(2) All of the following means of punishment are prohibited: (c) Restricting a child's movement by binding or tying him or her.
ANALYSIS:	Ms. Mungar does not restrict a child's movement inappropriately. Children may be appropriately held during nap time.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the status of this license remain unchanged.

Jessica Rindfleisch

05/08/2023

Jessica Rindfleisch
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Darlese McConnell

05/11/2023

Darlese McConnell
Area Manager

Date