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8/08/2024

Misti Papuga
Grace Christian Learning Center
2051 E Big Beaver,
Troy, MI, 48083

License Number: DC630096647
Special Investigation Number: SI-00122716

Dear Misti Papuga,

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:

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

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

- I interviewed: Licensee Designee, Child Care Staff Member (CCSM) 1, CCSM 3, and Parent.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 5/23/2024

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

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 08/28/2024. You can use our corrective action plan form or create your own.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact licensing consultant Thomasa Bond at (248) 860-2439 or bondt2@michigan.gov. If you do not send a corrective action plan, you may face disciplinary action. The corrective action plan must include the following:

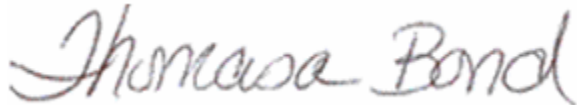
- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance 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](#).

Please review this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Thomasa Bond at (248) 860-2439 or bondt2@michigan.gov. In the event that Thomasa Bond is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Thomasa Bond, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 8/08/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00122716	5/8/2024
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
5/8/2024	07/07/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DC630096647	Grace Christian Learning Center
Facility Name	Licensee Designee(s)
Grace Christian Learning Center	Richard Craig Howard Misti Stalene Papuga Rita A Howard
Program Type	
Center	
Capacity	
204	
Facility Address	Mailing Address
2051 E Big Beaver, Troy, MI, 48083	2051 E Big Beaver, Troy, MI, 48083
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address
2489890045	mistipapuga@yahoo.com
Original License Issuance Date	License Status:
7/12/2001	Regular
License Effective Date:	License Expiration Date:
5/23/2023	5/22/2025

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?	
Child A (4-year-old) was left alone in the gym for three minutes.	Yes	

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
5/8/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00122716
5/8/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via Phone Call spoke with Licensee Designee Misty Papuga.
5/23/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site from 4:54 pm- 6:00 pm Interviewed: Child Care Staff Member (CCSM 1)

	Child A's Mother
7/24/2024	Exit Conference- Misty Papuga
7/24/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made CCSM 3
7/24/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made CCSM 2
7/24/2024	Contact – Text Message Sent to CCSM 2

ALLEGATION: Child A (4-year-old) was left alone in the gym for three minutes.

INVESTIGATION:

On 5/8/2024, Ms. Papuga stated that on 4/25/2024, Child A was left in the gym area by Child Care Staff Member (CCSM) 1 and CCSM 2 for approximately three minutes. CCSM 3 found Child A in the gym area and returned her to the Preschool 1 classroom. Ms. Papuga was in the classroom when CCSM 3 returned Child A to the Preschool 1 classroom. CCSM 2 stated she was sure that she had counted 16 children, but then when Ms. Papuga discussed things with her further, CCSM 2 remembered that she had stopped counting for a moment to look over at the circle time rug where she was sending the children to sit. CCSM 2 believes she must have counted a child twice. Since the incident Ms. Papuga requires the class to head to the wall on the other side of the door and do a 2nd roll call before entering the classroom. CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 were both written up.

On 5/23/2024, Child A's Mother stated that she was informed by Ms. Papuga when the incident occurred. Ms. Papuga informed her that Child A was found hiding in the gym by CCSM 3 when she was leaving the center for her lunch break. CCSM 3 returned Child A to the Preschool 1 classroom. Child A's Mother felt that the situation was handled appropriately.

On 5/23/2024, CCSM 1 stated that the Preschool 1 class was leaving the gym and returning to the classroom, which is on the left side of the gym. CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 counted the children before they left the gym area. She was at the end of the line and CCSM 2 was at the beginning of the line. Before they left the gym area there were two children touching each other, so she went to the middle of the line to separate them. Child A was in the middle of the line. She believes that Child A must have left the line when she was separating the children, and she did not notice that Child A was not in the line when they left the gym area. CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 did not know that Child A was missing until she was returned to the classroom by CCSM 3. Normally CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 will count the children when they return to the classroom. CCSM 1 thinks that they just counted too fast that day. After the incident they count the children in the gym, hallway, and going into the classroom. She was written up by Ms. Papuga.

On 7/24/2024, CCSM 3 stated that she was leaving for lunch, and she walked into the gym and saw Child A sitting alone in the corner of the gym. She asked Child A who her teacher was, and she said CCSM 2 and CCSM 3. She returned Child A to the Preschool 1 classroom. CCSM 3 informed CCSM 1 and CCSM 2 that Child A was in the gym alone. CCSM 1 stated that she had all of her children. When CCSM 3 found Child A she was not crying.


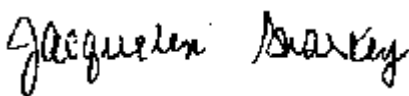
On 7/24/2024, I left a voicemail and sent a text message to CCSM 2. I did not receive a return call or text message.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	The center did not provide appropriate care and supervision when Child A was left alone in the gym by CCSM 1 and CCSM 2.
CONCLUSION:	Repeat Violation Established Reference: 11/26/2017 :Violation Established; 8/18/2019 :Violation Established; 4/19/2018 :Violation Established; 12/2/2021 :Violation Established; 10/8/2019 :Violation Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

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

Approved By:			
			
Thomasa Bond Consultant	8/08/2024 Date	Jacquelin Sharkey Area Manager	8/08/2024 Date