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DIRECTOR

November 23, 2022

Ebony Wheeler
313 N. Harrison St
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: License #: DC730409849
Investigation #: 2023D0012001
Sweet Angels Childcare

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

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

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements

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

- I interviewed: the person who made the complaint, program director, child care staff member, or others with relevant information.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 10/6/2022.

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.

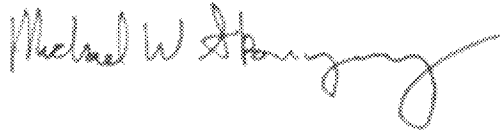
The special investigation report is attached. Due to the violation(s) identified in the report, a written corrective action plan was required. On 11/16/2022, you submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	<input 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W Skonieczny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC730409849
Investigation #:	2023D0012001
Complaint Receipt Date:	09/28/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	09/30/2022
Report Due Date:	11/27/2022
Licensee Name:	Ebony Wheeler
Licensee Address:	313 N. Harrison St Saginaw, MI 48602
Licensee Telephone #:	Unknown
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	Ebony Wheeler
Name of Facility:	Sweet Angels Childcare
Facility Address:	1527 E Genesee Ave. Saginaw, MI 48607
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 522-3582
Original Issuance Date:	02/11/2022
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	08/11/2022
Expiration Date:	08/10/2024
Capacity:	45
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child care staff member used inappropriate language in front of children while at the child care center.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

09/28/2022	Special Investigation Intake - 2023D0012001
09/30/2022	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone to LARA worker Mary Smith
09/30/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Referral Source. A voicemail was left.
10/03/2022	Contact - Telephone call received from Referral Source.
10/06/2022	Inspection Completed On-site from 10:00AM until 10:45AM. Program Director Ebony Wheeler was interviewed.
10/25/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to child care staff member Takeylia Jordan. A voicemail was left.
11/01/2022	Contact – Telephone call made to child care staff member Sheranda Turner
11/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to child care staff member Takeylia Jordan. A voicemail was left.
11/10/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Ms. Wheeler. A voicemail was left.
11/14/2022	Exit Conference with Ms. Wheeler via telephone.

ALLEGATION: Child care staff member used inappropriate language in front of children while at the child care center.

INVESTIGATION: On 9/29/2022 I spoke with Child Care Licensing Consultant Mary Smith via telephone. She has had no concerns with Sweet Angels Childcare or the owner Ebony Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler is good about reporting any issues or incidents.

On 10/3/2022 I spoke with the reporting source (RS) via telephone. Child C (6-year-old male) broke a cell phone that belonged to Child A (6-year-old female), while at the child care center. RS posted something about the incident on social media

without mentioning names because she was upset about the incident occurring at childcare. Ms. Jordan was told about the social media post and was upset. The next time RS's children were at child care, Ms. Jordan got into Child B's (8-year-old female) face and said, "Tell that bitch to pull up. Call your mama and tell that bitch to pull up." Ms. Wheeler called RS and apologized for Ms. Jordan's behavior. RS is a former employee at the child care and has witnessed Ms. Jordan yelling at other children in the past. RS's children will not be returning to the child care.

On 10/6/2022 I conducted an onsite inspection of Sweet Angel's Childcare. Ms. Wheeler was spoken with about the allegations. A former employee is upset because Child C broke Child A's cell phone. None of the staff saw Child C break Child A's cell phone and there is some doubt about whether or not it was working before Child C touched it. She spoke to Child A's mother about the incident. Child A's mother was very upset and wanted someone to buy Child C a new cell phone. Child A's mother then went onto social media and posted her feelings about the incident. Ms. Jordan eventually found out about the social media posts and became angry. While Child A and Child B were present, Ms. Jordan said, "I will beat her ass" referring to Child A and B's mother. There were six children present at the time and at least one other staff member. Ms. Wheeler sent Ms. Jordan home immediately and told her she was not going to act this way in the child care center. She has not been back to work at the child care since the incident and it is unknown if she will continue to work there or not. A brief tour of the facility was completed. No other concerns or issues were noted.

On 10/25/2022 I called Ms. Jordan and left a voicemail requesting a call back at her earliest convenience.

On 11/1/2022 I called Ms. Jordan and left a voicemail requesting a call back at her earliest convenience. As of the date of this report, she has not returned my calls.

On 11/1/2022 I called child care staff member Sheranda Turner. Ms. Turner was present for the incident. She feels Child A's mother antagonized the situation with Ms. Jordan because they have a personal history. Ms. Jordan was told about the recent social media posts, and she became angry. Ms. Jordan indicated she was tired of Child A's mother disparaging her on social media and said she would "beat her ass." Child A and Child B were present. Ms. Jordan reportedly felt bad about cursing in front of the children. She was sent home and Child A's mother was notified and was given an apology by Ms. Wheeler. She has not heard Ms. Jordan say anything like that in front of child care children in the past.

On 11/10/2022 I called Ms. Wheeler and left a voicemail requesting a call back at her earliest convenience.

On 11/14/2022 an exit conference was conducted with Ms. Wheeler on the telephone. Ms. Wheeler indicated Ms. Jordan has returned to work at the center but

was spoken with about her language and she agreed to complete whatever steps necessary to continue working at the facility.

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:	Staff and parents have confirmed that Ms. Jordan used inappropriate language in front of children while working at the child care center.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

An acceptable corrective action plan has been received and I recommend no change in the status of this child care center license.



11/23/2022

Michael Skonieczny
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



11/23/2022

Rose A. Rafferty
Area Manager

Date