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ACTING DIRECTOR

1/22/2024

WISD-Ypsilanti Community Schools
1819 S Wagner Rd,
Ann Arbor, MI, 48103

License Number: DC810344956
Special Investigation Number: SI-00079298

Dear Ms. Wilson,

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: Program director/licensee designee Erin Bradley, Child Care Staff Members 1,2,3,4,5 and 6.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 11/6/2023.

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.
R 400.8182 (3)(c)	In each room or well-defined space, the maximum group size and ratio of child care staff members to children, including children related to a staff member or the licensee, must be shown in Table 4: Age

	Preschoolers, 3 years of age until 4 years of age; Child Care Staff Member to Child Ratio 1 to 10; Maximum Group Size 30
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Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend the issuance of a 1st provisional license. If you accept the provisional license, you must sign and return the enclosed waiver form. If you do not accept the provisional license, you must notify this office in writing and an administrative hearing will be scheduled.

Due to the violations, you must send us a [corrective action plan](#) by 2/12/2024. You can use our corrective action plan form or create your own. Even if you don't accept the provisional license, you must still send us an acceptable corrective action plan.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact licensing consultant Kathryn Curreathers at 248-860-3127 or curreathersk@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, Kathryn Curreathers at 248-860-3127 or curreathersk@michigan.gov. In the event that Kathryn Curreathers is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Curreathers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kathryn Curreathers, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 1/22/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00079298	11/3/2023
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
11/8/2023	1/7/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DC810344956	WISD-Ypsilanti Community Schools
Facility Name	Licensee Designee(s)
Beatty Early Learning Center	Stephanie Wilson
Program Type	Central Administrator(s)
Center	N/A
Capacity	Program Director(s) Name
168	Stephanie Wilson Qualifications: R 400.8113(7)(a) (9). Date PD Approved: 2023-06-23
Facility Address	Mailing Address
1661 LeForge Rd, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198	1819 S Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address
7349948178	ebradley9@ycschools.us
Original License Issuance Date	License Status:
9/20/2013	Regular
License Effective Date:	License Expiration Date:
3/20/2022	3/19/2024

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?	
Child A (female, 3 years) left the outdoor play area and went to the front of the center near the parking lot without being noticed by child care staff members.	Yes	
Additional Finding: The maximum group size of 30 preschoolers age 3 years to 4 years was not maintained.	Yes	

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
11/8/2023	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00079298
11/6/2023	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site From 10:00 AM to 11:23 AM.

	Interviewed program director Erin Bradley and Child Care Staff Members 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
11/6/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made Left message for Child A's Mother.
11/6/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made Left message for Child B's Mother.
11/6/2023	Exit Conference with Erin Bradley.

ALLEGATION: Child A (female, 3 years) left the outdoor play area and went to the front of the center near the parking lot without being noticed by child care staff members.

INVESTIGATION:

Program director/licensee designee Erin Bradley reported that on November 3, 2023, at approximately 10:00 AM there were three classrooms outside on the playground. There were five child care staff members with 31 preschool age children. One of the child care staff members went inside for a medical issue. The four remaining child care staff members were dealing with children that were hitting other children. As the child care staff members were distracted Child A left the outdoor play area through a gate that was supposed to be locked. Child Care Staff Member 3 was working in classroom 3 when she saw Child A in the front of the building through her classroom window. Child Care Staff Member 3 saw Child B's Mother outside as she was about to drop off Child B. Child Care Staff Member 1 yelled to Child B's Mother to grab Child A and then ran to the front door. Child Care Staff Member 3 took Child A back to the playground and informed the child care staff members that Child A left the playground. Ms. Bradley stated that the gate is never supposed to be left unlocked. Each of the child care staff members have keys to open the gate, but the custodians are the only ones that typically open the gate.

Child Care Staff Member 1 was working in classroom 3 on November 3, 2023, when she saw Child A outside on the sidewalk. Child Care Staff Member 1 saw Child B's Mother outside and asked her to grab Child A. Child Care Staff Member ran from the room and met Child B's Mother at the front door with Child A. Child Care Staff Member 1 brought Child A back to the outdoor play area where Child Care Staff Member 3 appeared to be looking for Child A.

Child Care Staff Member 2 was working in classroom 1 with Child Care Staff Member 3 on November 3, 2023. Child Care Staff Member 2 started to have chest pains while she was outside with the children, so she went inside to get something to drink. While inside Child Care Staff Member 2 saw a parent running by the window so she looked outside and saw Child A. Child Care Staff Member 2 went outside and saw Child Care Staff Member 1 bringing Child A back to the playground. Child Care Staff Member 2 returned to the playground. Child Care Staff Member 3 told her that she was consoling a child who was hit and talking to a child that was hitting other children when she got distracted.

Child Care Staff Member 3 was working in classroom 1 with Child Care Staff Member 2. While they were outside Child Care Staff Member 2 had a medical episode and had to go inside. Child Care Staff Members 4, 5, and 6 were also outside with children from classroom 1 and 8. Children began hitting and kicking other children. While Child Care Staff Member 3 was dealing with those issues Child Care Staff Member 1 brought Child A back to the playground saying that she was found in the front of the building. Child A left the playground through the gate on the fully fenced playground which is typically locked during child care hours. Child Care Staff Member 3 stated that custodial staff use that gate to take trash out but she has never noticed them leaving the gate open before. The gate is around the corner from the area where children play. Children do not play around the corner. Child Care Staff Member 3 informed Child A's Mother about the incident. Child A's Mother stated that she understands how quickly Child A can get away. Child Care Staff Member 3 stated that Child A couldn't have been gone for more than one minute.

Child Care Staff Member 4 worked in classroom 2 on November 3, 2023. While on the outdoor play area children were hitting and kicking other children. Child Care Staff Member 3 was consoling a child that was kicked then went to talk to the child that was kicking other children. Another child was crying and Child Care Staff Member 6 was dealing with that child. Child Care Staff Member 2 went inside for a few minutes. As Child Care Staff Member 4 was going over to check on Child Care Staff Member 3 Child Care Staff Member 2 returned to the playground saying that Child A had left the playground. Child Care Staff Member 4 stated that she had just seen Child A so she couldn't have been gone for more than 20 seconds.

Child Care Staff Member 5 worked in classroom 2 with Child Care Staff Member 4 on November 3, 2023. While outside there was a lot going on with the three classrooms. A child was grabbing a child by the face and Child Care Staff Member 5 was trying to settle that. Child Care Staff Member 2 was feeling ill and had to go inside. A child was pushing and hitting children. Child Care Staff Member 5 addressed that and then the child hit someone else. Child Care Staff Member 3 came over to console the child that was hit, then walked away with the child that was hitting. There was another incident on the slide and all of this happened within five minutes. Child Care Staff Member 2 came back outside and said that Child A was found outside of the playground. The gate was left open, and Child A got out. Child Care Staff Member 2 stated that the gate is never usually unlocked and she has no idea how it was left open.

Child Care Staff Member 6 worked in classroom on November 3, 2023. Child Care Staff Member 6 stated that she and the other child care staff members were handling kids that were hitting or being hit. Child Care Staff Member 6 stated that she was not aware that Child A left the playground until she was brought back. Child Care Staff Member 6 stated that the gate is normally locked during school hours and she has never seen it open before.

I attempted to contact Child A's Mother and Child B's Mother but did not receive a return call.

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:	Appropriate care and supervision were not provided when Child A (female, age 3 years) left the outdoor play area unnoticed.
CONCLUSION:	Repeat Violation Established Reference: 3/21/2022 :Violation Established;

ADDITIONAL FINDING:



INVESTIGATION:

Program director Erin Bradley reported that there on November 3, 2023, at approximately 10:00 AM there were five child care staff members on the playground with 31 preschool age children ranging in age from 3 years to 4 years. The maximum group size for preschool age children from 3 years to 4 years of age is 30.

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8182 (3)(c)	In each room or well-defined space, the maximum group size and ratio of child care staff members to children, including children related to a staff member or the licensee, must be shown in Table 4: <div style="text-align: center;">Age</div> Preschoolers, 3 years of age until 4 years of age; Child Care Staff Member to Child Ratio 1 to 10; Maximum Group Size 30
ANALYSIS:	The maximum group size of 30 for preschoolers 3 years to 4 years of age was not maintained on November 3, 2023, when there were 31 preschool age children on the playground with 5 child care staff members.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

Bureau Recommendation
Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend the issuance of a 1st provisional license.

Approved By:	
 Kathryn Curreathers 01/22/2024 Consultant Date	 Darlese McConnell 01/22/2024 Area Manager Date