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Michelle Richard
ACTING DIRECTOR

5/13/2024

Lyndzea Fredricks
986 Greenfield Ave,
St. Joseph, MI, 49085

License Number: DF110406651
Special Investigation Number: SI-00120894

Dear Lyndzea Fredricks,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division 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 400.1932(1)	The structure, premises, and furnishings of a child care home must be in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition.

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

- I interviewed: Licensee Lyndzea Fredricks, Witness 1, Witness 2, Witness 3, and parents..
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 04/22/2024

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

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.1932(1)	The structure, premises, and furnishings of a child care home must be in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition.

Due to the violations, you must send us a [corrective action plan](#) by 6/3/2024. 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 Tiara McKay at (269) 615-5758 or mckayt2@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, Tiara McKay at (269) 615-5758 or mckayt2@michigan.gov. In the event that Tiara McKay is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Tiara McKay, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 5/13/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00120894	12/1/2023
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
4/2/2024	6/1/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DF110406651	Lyndzea Fredricks
Capacity	Facility Name
6	Little Sunshine Daycare
Program Type	Mailing Address
Family Home	986 Greenfield Ave, St. Joseph, MI, 49085
Facility Address	Facility Email Address
986 Greenfield Ave, St. Joseph, MI, 49085	lyndzealu@gmail.com
Facility Phone Number	License Status:
2692811939	Regular
Original License Issuance Date	License Expiration Date:
3/24/2021	9/23/2025
License Effective Date:	
9/24/2023	

ALLEGATION(S)

Violation Established?

The home smells of cat urine.	Yes	
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METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
4/2/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00120894
4/22/2024	Contact – Face to Face with Witness 2 and Witness 3.
4/22/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site from approximately 11:00 until 11:45 am. Interviewed Licensee Lyndzea Fredricks and Witness 1.
4/26/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made

	to Child D's Mother. The number was not in working order.
4/26/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made to Child B's Mother.
4/26/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made to Child C's Mother.
4/26/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made to Child A's Mother.

ALLEGATION: The home smells of cat urine.

INVESTIGATION:

I conducted an unscheduled on-site inspection on 04/22/2024, from approximately 11:00 until 11:45 am. I interviewed Lyndzea Fredricks and Witness 1 during the on-site inspection. Lyndzea Fredricks said that someone came to her home a while ago, looking for child care. While this person was in the home, they expressed concern for the smell. They said they believed the home to smell like cat urine. After the interview, she asked Witness 1, Witness 2, and Witness 3 to come to her home and smell it, to see if they could smell anything, because she could not smell anything. She said no one smelled anything so she started searching for the smell. There was a bin that she kept toys in that “had a little scent to it”. She could not describe the scent but said it could have been cat urine. She got rid of the bin immediately. She also got rid of a few other items that had a scent to them. She then started to steam clean the carpet every weekend. After she started steam cleaning, a smell surfaced. Lyndzea Fredricks explained she realized after some time that the steam cleaner was not working. It was putting down water, but it was not sucking the water back out of the carpet. Once she realized what was happening, she pulled the carpet and padding up and put new carpet and padding down.

Lyndzea Fredricks advised that the child care children spend most of their time in the child care room. That is where parents enter and that is where all of the child care equipment is kept. Since the issue with the carpet smelling came about, she has kept her cats out of the child care room. There are two areas where the cats used to be able to enter the room and she put barriers up that to prevent the cats from entering.

While I was present for the on-site inspection, Witness 1 arrived to take Lyndzea Fredrick’s child to school. Witness 1 advised that he is in the home “every day”. When he was asked to smell the house, he noticed a cat urine smell. He believed that one of the cats was “marking”. He said it “might have been milk too” and “it was a lot of things”. Lyndzea Fredricks started steam cleaning and then the steam cleaner did not work. After that, they replaced the carpet and padding. Since then, cats have not been allowed in the room. They now clean with vinegar and an enzymatic cleaner that is safe for children and pets.

While I was on-site, I observed the new carpeting. I did not smell cat urine. The only thing I could smell was vinegar. There were no cats in the child care room during my on-site inspection.

I spoke with Witness 2 on 04/22/2024. She explained she goes to the house but only once a week and stays at the front door, not the child care room door. She smelled something every once in a while but said she “would not pinpoint it to an animal”. Witness 2 went to the home to do a “smell test” upon request from Lyndzea Fredricks. She did not smell anything at the time, but she brought a friend with her and the friend smelled “a little, “kinda faint” “off smell” that she could not identify. Since then, the carpet and padding has been replaced and the cats have been blocked from entering the child care room.

I spoke with Witness 3 on 04/24/2024. She explained she is in the house regularly, at least a couple of times a week. She said she smelled cat urine in the house a while ago. She said her cat would follow her when she went to Lyndzea Fredricks house. He would go inside and Lyndzea Fredrick’s cats would not like it, so they would spray. Lyndzea Fredricks relaced the carpet and padding as well as some bins and shelves. She also put barriers up so that cats cannot enter the child care room. Since then, there have been no issues.

I spoke with Child A’s Mother on 04/26/2024. Child A has been going to Lyndzea Fredrick’s home for about two years. Child A’s Mother did not have any concerns about the smell in the home. Her boyfriend and her mother drop off and pick up Child A and are in the home as well. Neither of them have mentioned a smell to her. She said she has seen Lyndzea Fredricks cleaning her home and steam cleaning her carpet “multiple times”. Child A’s Mother said, “I absolutely adore Lyndzea”.

I spoke with Child B’s Mother on 04/26/2024. Child B has been going to Lyndzea Fredrick’s home since September 2021. Child B’s Mother said she has never smelled anything concerning. She said Lyndzea Fredricks was “really concerned” at one point about a smell she could not identify. She asked Child B’s Mother if she could smell it. She smelled what she was talking about but could not identify the smell either. She said Lyndzea Fredricks was “freaking out” about the smell and then was “really good about cleaning”. Since the carpet has been replaced and the cats have been kept from getting into the child care room there have been no smells.

I spoke with Child C’s Mother on 04/26/2024. Child C started going to the home for care in February 2023. Child C’s Mother said she is rarely in the home, but Child C’s Father said at one point that there was a “slight cat urine smell” in the home. At that same time, Child C would come home from care and his socks would smell like cat urine. Child C’s Father told her that the carpet was changed and there have been no issues since. Child C’s Mother said that she did not complain about the cat urine smell because “it’s hard to find good quality child care” and they really like Lyndzea Fredricks. She said Lyndzea Fredricks treats Child C “very well and she does a really great job

caring for him". She said Child C knows his alphabet and his numbers because of Lyndzea Fredricks.

I attempted contact with Child D's Mother on 04/26/2024. I left a voice mail message but did not receive a return call.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1932(1)	The structure, premises, and furnishings of a child care home must be in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition.
ANALYSIS:	Lyndzea Fredricks home was not being maintained in a clean, safe, and comfortable condition when there was cat urine in the carpet where children play and on some equipment that children use.
CONCLUSION:	Repeat Violation Established Reference: : 9/18/2023 :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:	
 Tiara McKay 05/06/2024 Consultant Date	 Katrice Sweet 05/13/2024 Area Manager Date