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December 19, 2022

Sarah Wildt  
510 S. Sophia St.  
Homer, MI 49245

RE: License #: DF130281539  
Investigation #: 2023D0208002  
Sarah Wildt

Dear Ms. Wildt:

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:

R400.1932 Home maintenance and safety

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

- I interviewed the licensee and parents.
- I completed an onsite inspection on 11/03/2022.

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

**R400.1907(3) Child's records**

**R400.1910(1)(c) Ratio of personnel to children**

I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 1/6/2023. You can use our [corrective action plan](#) form or create your own.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact me. 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 the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions at (269) 568-2686. 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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enclosure

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DF130281539
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2023D0208002
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	11/01/2022
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	11/03/2022
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	12/31/2022
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Sarah Wildt
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	510 S. Sophia St. Homer, MI 49245
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(517) 240-7900
<b>Administrator:</b>	N/A
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Sarah Wildt
<b>Facility Address:</b>	510 S. Sophia St. Homer, MI 49245
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(517) 392-6684
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	09/13/2006
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	09/11/2022
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	09/10/2024
<b>Capacity:</b>	6
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE FAMILY HOME (CAPACITY 1-6)

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
There are ten dogs and three cats in the home that roam freely around the home.	No
There is dog hair all over the house.	No
The licensee hides the dogs from her child care licensing worker.	No
Additional Findings	Yes

## III. METHODOLOGY

11/01/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0208002
11/03/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Arrival: 10:54AM. Interviewed licensee, Sarah Wildt.
12/13/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted to contact Child A, Child B, Child C, Child D, Child E, Child F, Child G, Child H, Child I, Child J, Child K, Child L's Mothers. Child A, Child B, Child C, Child D, Child E, Child F, Child G, Child H, Child I, Child J's Mothers phone numbers were not in service, Left a voice mail for Child K and Child L's Mother.
12/13/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Texted Ms. Wildt asking for updated contact information for the parents with enrolled children at her child care as a majority of parents numbers were out of service.
12/14/2022	Contact - Telephone call received Ms. Wildt texted me with the updated numbers for parents.

12/15/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Spoke with Child A, Child B, Child C, Child D, Child E, Child F, Child G, Child H's Mothers.
12/16/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
12/16/2022	Exit Conference Spoke with licensee, Sarah Wildt, per telephone.

**ALLEGATION:** There are ten dogs and three cats in the home that roam freely around the home. There is dog hair all over the house. The licensee hides the dogs from her child care licensing worker.

**INVESTIGATION:** On 11/03/2022 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to the child care home of Sarah Wildt. There were eight children present and they were playing with toys in the living room together. I observed nine dogs and one cat, some of them indoors, and several outdoors in the backyard. The dogs all had a friendly demeanor and were not aggressive towards me when I entered, or at any time during the inspection. I did not observe excessive dog hair on furniture, or floors, and the home was clean/neat and did not have an odor of pets. The pet supplies, litter box, toys, and food are kept inaccessible to children. I obtained child information cards of children enrolled in care.

Ms. Wildt denied hiding her dogs/cats from me, or any other child care licensing worker she has worked with. She acknowledged she has quite a few dogs but said that whenever she has a litter of puppies, her daughter talks her into keeping one of them. She indicated there is a family member of a child that attends her child care that creates a lot of drama for that child's family, and a neighbor that gets upset about her dogs barking, so she thought maybe the complaint came from one of them. I told her I could not disclose who reported the complaint. Ms. Wildt reported that she cleans her home throughout the day, every day, so she is not sure why someone would complain about dog hair being everywhere.

On 12/15/2022 I spoke with Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother. She did not have any concerns with the maintenance and safety of Ms. Wildt's home, and indicated she loves Ms. Wildt and her children really enjoy going there. Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother did not have any concerns with the number of dogs and cats in the home and reported that all of the dogs are very friendly and sweet, and her kids love them. She did not recall how many dogs are actually in the home, but indicated Ms. Wildt only has one cat.

On this same day I spoke with Child E, Child F, Child G, and Child H's Mother. She did not have any concerns with the maintenance and safety of Ms. Wildt's home.

Child E, Child F, Child G, and Child H’s Mother has used Ms. Wildt for child care for a number of years. She reported that the dogs are all very loving, friendly, and good with the children, and that Ms. Wildt keeps the home clean and the pet food in the kitchen that is gated.

I left voice mails for Child I, Child J, Child K and Child L’s Mothers. I did not receive a return phone call during this investigation.

It should be noted that I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to the home to do the renewal inspection on 11/01/2022, and then received this complaint the same day after I had already left the home. I observed six dogs and two puppies inside the home. The puppies had been adopted by families but were visiting for the day as they came from a litter from Ms. Wildt’s dogs. I observed the home to be adequately clean and did not notice dog hair around the home. I wore black slacks to this inspection and did not have dog hair on them after sitting on the couch for an hour.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1932</b>	<b>Home maintenance and safety.</b>
	<b>(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.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection on 11/03/2022. I observed nine dogs and one cat. Some of the animals were indoors and some were out in the backyard. I observed the home to be clean, safe, and did not see excessive dog hair on the furniture or floor.</p> <p>I had also conducted an unannounced onsite inspection for the renewal the morning of 11/01/2022 and did not observe any concerns with the cleanliness of the home.</p> <p>The parents interviewed did not have concerns with the maintenance and safety of this child care home. The parents were familiar with the animals in the home and did not report any issues with the dogs, or dog hair.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

## **ADDITIONAL FINDINGS**

**INVESTIGATION:** On 11/03/2022 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to Ms. Willdt’s home. There were eight children present with licensee, Ms. Wildt. Ms.

Wildt immediately apologized for being out of ratio and reported that the two extra children were her grandchildren, who were ages 3 and 4 years old. She indicated that her daughter had a personal matter to attend to today and could not bring her children with her. I asked her if there are ever other times she is over her ratio/capacity and she said no. Ms. Wildt indicated she does have some school age children that come to her house after school and their parents are waiting in the driveway to pick them up. She reported that the parents do not like dealing with the school pick up lines, and some attend Homer schools, but do not live in Homer.

I asked Ms. Wildt for today's attendance record, and she did not have any attendance for me. It should be noted that during the renewal inspection I completed 11/01/2022 she was cited a violation for not having attendance completed daily. I reminded her that she needed to be keeping daily attendance records of every child, and not just the children with payments from Department of Health and Human Services. She indicated she would do so.

On 12/15/2022 I spoke with Child A, Child B, Child C, Child D, Child E, Child F, Child G, and Child H's Mothers. They reported no concerns with the number of children present at the child care home. Both parents have some children who are school age and do not attend Ms. Wildt's child care daily.

Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mother did not know whether Ms. Wildt takes attendance or not as she has never paid attention to see if she does so. She reported that she does not sign them in or out anywhere.

Child E, Child F, Child G, and Child H's Mother confirmed there are several school age children that arrive at the child care home afterschool to get picked up and do not stay at the child care home for care. She also reported that Ms. Wildt's sister is sometimes at the child care home with her children visiting. Child E, Child F, Child G, and Child H's Mother has observed Ms. Wildt taking attendance, but indicated she receives assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services for child care, so Ms. Wildt has to take attendance for her children.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1907</b>	<b>Child's records.</b>
	<b>(3) Dated daily attendance records of children in care must be maintained and include the child's first and last name and the time of arrival and departure. Electronic records may be used. If electronic records are used, they must be available to the department at the time of the inspection. If electronic attendance records are not available during an on-site inspection, the child care home is in violation of this rule.</b>

<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>On 11/03/2022 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to the child care home. I asked for attendance records and Ms. Wildt indicated she did not have any for the day.</p> <p>On 11/01/2022 I had conducted an unannounced onsite inspection for the renewal and there were also no daily attendance records being taken and a violation was cited.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1910</b>	<b>Ratio of personnel to children.</b>
	<p><b>(1) The ratio of personnel to children present in the home at any 1 time must be not less than 1 member of the personnel to 6 children. The ratio must include all children in care who are not related to any personnel and any of the following children who are less than 6 years of age:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(c) Children related to any member of the household by blood, marriage, or adoption.</b></p>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>On 11/03/2022 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to the child care home. Ms. Wildt had eight children present. Ms. Wildt indicated her 3- and 4-year-old grandchildren were the extra children as her daughter had a personal matter to attend to and could not bring her children with her.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the license status of this child care family home (capacity 1-6).

*Roxanne Duckworth*

12/19/2022

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Roxanne Duckworth  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

*Yolanda Sims*

12/19/2022

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Yolanda Sims  
Area Manager

Date