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April 24, 2023

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Nataska Ashworth-White
P.O. Box 14416
Saginaw, MI 48601

RE: License #: DF730404736
Investigation #: 2023D0213005
Nataska Ashworth-White

Dear Ms. Ashworth-White:

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:

R400.1913 Discipline; child handling.

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

- I interviewed the licensee, parents, children, or others with relevant information.
- I completed an on-site inspection on the following date: 01/19/2023.

As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

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"/>

The report marked **redacted report** may have some legally protected information blacked out. The **redacted report** and any related corrective action plans must be placed in your licensing notebook. The **redacted 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 that reads "Takiyah Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DF730404736
Investigation #:	2023D0213005
Complaint Receipt Date:	01/10/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	01/11/2023
Report Due Date:	03/11/2023
Licensee Name:	Nataska Ashworth-White
Licensee Address:	1827 Joslin St Saginaw, MI 48602
Licensee Telephone #:	Unknown
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Nataska Ashworth-White
Facility Address:	1827 Joslin St Saginaw, MI 48602
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 385-1881
Original Issuance Date:	10/26/2020
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	04/26/2021
Expiration Date:	04/25/2023
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	CHILD CARE FAMILY HOME (CAPACITY 1-6)

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Caregiver broke Child A's arm [REDACTED], age 12), grabbed child's wrist and twisted leaving bruise; caregiver punches and chokes children in care.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

01/10/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0213005
01/11/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Telephone call made to [REDACTED]
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child A at school.
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child B at school.
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child A at school. 10:05 am - 10:50 am
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child B at school. 10:50am - 11:15
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child D at school. 11:45 am - 12:50 pm
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child E at school. 1:20 pm - 1:40 pm
01/12/2023	Contact - Face to Face Present while [REDACTED] interviewed Child F at school. 1:55 pm - 2:10 pm
01/19/2023	Inspection Completed On-site

	Interviewed licensee Nataska Ashworth-White with [REDACTED]. 10:20 am - 11:55 pm
01/19/2023	Contact - Document Received Messages via screen shots, audio messages, Facebook posts, and videos received from Ms. Ashford-White via text.
01/19/2023	Contact – Telephone call made Interview conducted with Child A, B, and C's mother.
01/20/2023	Contact - Telephone call received Phone call received from Ms. Ashworth-White
01/24/2023	Contact - Document Sent Phone contact for Child A and B and C's mother forwarded to [REDACTED]
01/30/2023	Contact - Document Received Email received from [REDACTED] and response provided.
01/30/2023	Contact – Document Received Video with audio received from Ms. Ashford-White
01/30/2023	Contact – Telephone call received Phone call received from [REDACTED]
02/10/2023	Comment – Review previous special investigation report and [REDACTED] investigative report
02/14/2023	Contact – Telephone call made Pre-disposition conference held with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rose Rafferty
02/15/2023	Contact – Telephone call made Phone call made to Child G's mother. Voicemail message left.
02/15/2023	Contact – Document Sent Text message left for Child G's mother
02/15/2023	Contact – Telephone call made Interview conducted with Child H, I, and J's mother
02/16/2023	Exit Conference Exit conference held with Nataska Ashford-White via telephone

ALLEGATION: Caregiver broke Child A's arm (male, [REDACTED]), grabbed child's wrist and twisted leaving bruise; caregiver punches and chokes children in care.

INVESTIGATION: On 01/11/2023, I contacted [REDACTED] to coordinate meeting at Child A's school later this afternoon for the investigation. Due to time, meeting was scheduled for the following morning.

On 01/12/2023, [REDACTED] conducted an interview with Child A (male, [REDACTED]) at his school using the forensic interviewing protocol. Child A reported going to Ms. Ashford-White's child care family home after school. There are six children at the child care facility including Child A's sibling, Child B. Child A does not feel safe when attending child care. In the year of 2021 or 2022 "PooPoo (Nataska Ashford-White) slammed me, punched me in the eye, slapped me and yells at us for no reason." Ms. Ashford-White was wearing her rings when she punched Child A. Ms. Ashford-White has also slapped, punched, threatened and slammed the other children attending the child care home. Child A has never seen an injury of the other children in care. Child A was the only child in care to have a bruise on his eye after Ms. Ashford-White punched him with her rings on.

On 01/12/2023, Child B (female, [REDACTED]) was forensically interviewed by [REDACTED]. Child B enjoys going to Ms. Ashworth-White's child care. Child B enjoys going on outings at child care. "Yesterday we went out to eat. We always go fun places, and we are going to see Avatar soon." Child B has never witnessed her brother, Child A or any of the other children in care get in trouble. Children in care do not get in trouble and there is nothing Child B dislikes about Ms. Ashworth-White's child care. Child B has never seen anyone get hurt while at the child care home. Child B's brother also likes to attend child care. Ms. Ashworth-White is not mean to any of the children in care.

On 01/12/2023, Child D (female, [REDACTED]) was interviewed by [REDACTED] using the forensic interviewing protocol. Child D reported when she was [REDACTED] old, Ms. Ashworth-White punched her in the eye. Ms. Ashworth-White was wearing two – three rings and punched Child D in the left eye. There were no marks or bruises left after being punched. Ms. Ashworth-White "body slammed" her cousin and broke one of her ribs. Child D did not witness the incident and overheard Ms. Ashworth-White laughing while talking on the phone. Child D has witnessed Ms. Ashworth-White twisting her cousin, Child E's (female, [REDACTED]), arm and "bloodied" her cousin, Child F's (male, [REDACTED]) nose. Child D forgot how Child F's nose was "bloodied" but overheard Child F telling Child D's mother.

On 01/12/2023, [REDACTED] conducted an interview of Child E at her school using the forensic interviewing protocol. Child E reported " Nataska Ashworth-White AKA PooPoo called the police on Child E and her brother Child F's mother after she got a

“whooping” on her arms and legs. Child E does not attend Ms. Ashworth-White’s child care home and after school goes to the Boys’ and Girls’ Club. Child E has not attended Ms. Ashworth-White’s child care for three years. While attending, Child E and the other children in care had their arms twisted. “One time she said, ‘I would punch you, Bro.’ to Child A.” Ms. Ashworth-White “football tackled” Child A and punched him in the eye with rings on. Child A had a bruise above his eye. Child E was upset that Ms. Ashworth-White is trying “to get us (Child E and Child F) took away from our mom. My mama did not make my nose bleed.” Child E has not obtained any marks or bruises by Ms. Ashworth-White.

On 01/12/2023, Child F was forensically interviewed by [REDACTED] at school. Child F has not witnessed Ms. Ashworth-White twist anyone’s arm. Child F is afraid to attend child care home “because of what PooPoo did to Child A and his cousin. “I saw PooPoo push Child A out of his chair and he fell.” Child F has never witnessed Child A or Child D being punched in the face. Ms. Ashworth-White has threatened to “whoop” Child F but never has. Ms. Ashworth-White has “muffed” Child F on the side of his head.

On 1/19/2023, [REDACTED] and I conducted an unannounced on-site inspection and interview at the family child care home of Ms. Ashworth-White. Ms. Ashworth-White has never hit, choked, slapped, or punched Child A, Child B, Child C, Child D, Child E, or Child F. Ms. Ashworth-White does not use any form of corporal punishment on any children in care. She uses time-out and redirection. “Listen this is ongoing with my biological daughters. Their primary purpose is to get my daycare closed. My daughter’s happy as long as I’m giving them money but as soon as it doesn’t go their way, I’m crackhead PooPoo.”

On 01/19/2023, Ms. Ashworth-White provided child info cards for Child A, Child B, Child G, Child H, Child I, and Child J who are currently enrolled. Child C, Child D, Child E, and Child F do not attend Ms. Ashworth-White’s family child care. I reviewed attendance records for 01/10/2023 through 01/16/2023.

On 01/19/2023, I interviewed Child A, Child B, and Child C’s mother via telephone. Child A has never been body slammed or punched in the eye by Ms. Ashworth-White. “Child A was talking to Child F, and Child F was telling Child A to lie. Child A told my daughter (Child B) not to lie.” Child A can be easily manipulated, and Child B is more outspoken. She has no concerns with the quality of care being provided by Ms. Ashworth-White.

On 01/20/2023, I received a phone call from Ms. Ashworth-White. Ms. Ashworth-White’s reported Child E and Child F’s mother is angry due to Child E being placed in her care for a safety plan by [REDACTED]. Child E and Child F’s mother was arrested for harming Child E. “I didn’t call [REDACTED] on Child E and Child E’s mother but I did go get Child E so I could make sure she was safe. Child D’s mother and Child E and

Child F's mother just did this to me last summer when they got mad and they are constantly saying they are going to get my daycare closed."

On 01/20/2023, I received multiple screen shots of text message correspondence between Ms. Ashworth-White and Child D's and Child E and Child F's mothers who appeared upset with the paternal grandmother of Child E and her brother, Child F. Messages indicated not caring if Ms. Ashworth-White was dead and reminded that she was not a mother during her biological daughters' childhood. Messages also indicated, "You got a daycare with no kids (laughing emoji). We don't need you. We got each other. None of your kids even like you; die already."

On 01/24/2023, I provided transcript of interview conducted with Child A, Child B, and Child C's mother via email to [REDACTED]

On 01/30/2023, I received a phone call from [REDACTED]. Child H, I, and J were interviewed and did not disclose being physically abused by Ms. Ashworth-White. Child H was placed in time-out after having a bed wetting accident while at the family child care home.

On 02/10/2023, I reviewed previous special investigation report and [REDACTED] investigative report for anything pertinent to the current special investigation.

On 02/14/2023, I provided [REDACTED] with notes I had taken after reviewing previous special investigation, previous [REDACTED] investigative report, and current special investigation interviews.

On 02/14/2023, a pre-dispositional conference was held with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] LARA area manager, Rose Rafferty. Children currently attending Ms. Ashford-White's family child care home did not have any injuries. Child A, Child B, and Child C's mother denied Child A or Child B being abused while attending the family child care home. Child C does not attend at this time.

On 02/14/2023, I received a phone call from [REDACTED]. There are no findings at this time.

On 02/15/2023, I attempted to contact Child G's mother via telephone. A voicemail message was left.

On 02/15/2023, I contacted Child H, Child I, and Child J's mother. Child H, Child I, and Child J have never been physically disciplined by Ms. Ashford-White. "She (Ms. Ashworth-White) loves them kids and buy them clothes if needed and takes them places. Them daughters doin whatever they can to get her daycare closed. They even called my brother and told him to lie and say PooPoo hits the kids over there."

She has no concerns with her children attending the family child care home and her children are safe while they are in care with Ms. Ashworth-White.

On 02/16/2023, I contacted Ms. Ashworth-White via telephone and an exit interview was conducted.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1913	Discipline; child handling
	(3) Personnel shall not do any of the following: (a) Hit, spank, shake, bite, pinch, or inflict other forms of corporal punishment.
ANALYSIS:	There are no findings that Ms. Ashworth-White uses corporal punishment on Child A, Child B, Child G, Child H, Child I, or Child J, who are currently enrolled in the family child care home. Child D, Child E, and Child F have not attended family child care home for at least a year or more. Child A and Child B's mother denied any concerns with the care Child A and Child B are provided. Child H, Child I, and Child J's mother also denied any concerns with the quality of care provided.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the status of the license.



04/24/2023

Takiyah Jackson
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



04/24/2023

Rose A. Rafferty
Area Manager

Date