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ACTING DIRECTOR

01/02/2024

Amanda Baker
7531 Naomi Rd,
Eau Claire, MI, 49111

License Number: DG110383398
Special Investigation Number: SI-00079281

Dear Amanda Baker,

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 400.1902(3)	All persons, including minors, residing in the child care home shall meet all of the following requirements:
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, adult household member, child care staff member, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 11/09/2023

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"/>

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, Amy Steger at (269) 568-2915 or stegera@michigan.gov. In the event that Amy Steger is not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Amy Steger, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU**

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 12/27/2023

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00079281	11/7/2023
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
11/8/2023	1/7/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DG110383398	Amanda Baker
Capacity	Facility Name
12	Baker's Acres Daycare
Program Type	Mailing Address
Group Home	7531 Naomi Rd, Eau Claire, MI, 49111
Facility Address	Facility Email Address
7531 Naomi Rd, Eau Claire, MI, 49111	amandafox0022@yahoo.com
Facility Phone Number	License Status:
2693250022	Regular
Original License Issuance Date	License Expiration Date:
4/10/2017	10/9/2025
License Effective Date:	
10/10/2023	

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
There are men in the home that are not suitable to be around children as they are drinking and using drugs.	No
There are 16 dogs, the home is dirty, and has an odor.	No

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
11/8/2023	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00079281
11/9/2023	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site Inspection completed onsite at approximately 10:00 AM until 10:15 AM with licensee, Amanda Baker, and adult household member 1.
11/9/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone contact with licensee, Amanda Baker.

12/14/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone contact with Child A's Mother. Attempted telephone contact with CCSM 1 and Child B's Mother, and Child C's Mother.
12/20/2023	Contact – Phone Call Made Telephone contact with CCSM 1 and Child B's Mother. Attempted telephone contact with Child C's Mother.
12/21/2023	Exit Conference Telephone contact with licensee, Amanda Baker for the exit conference.

ALLEGATION: There are men in the home that are not suitable to be around children as they are drinking and doing drugs.

INVESTIGATION: I received this complaint on 11/08/2023. I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at the home on 11/09/2023. Licensee, Amanda Baker, and adult household member (AHM) 1 were present with one related child. Amanda Baker advised that she was about to leave the house for a parent teacher conference and was in a hurry. We spoke briefly before she had to leave. I spoke to her over the telephone on 11/09/2023 after her conference.

I advised Amanda Baker and AHM 1 of the allegations. Amanda Baker said that there are no additional people living or staying at the home. Amanda Baker and AHM 1 are the only adult household members. They do occasionally have friends over on the weekends and consume alcohol. No one stays the night during the week, but they have had people stay over on the weekend when there is no child care occurring. A few weeks ago, they had friends over on a weekend and someone stole some of Amanda Baker's medication out of the home. They confronted the individual and decided to part ways with that group of friends.

AHM 1 uses marijuana, but it is legal. He stores it above the stove on the main level of the home out of reach of children or sometimes he takes it with him. Child care occurs mostly in the basement and only children that are related are allowed on the main level of the home during child care hours. AHM 1 does not use marijuana at the home while children are in care. I encouraged AHM 1 to make sure any substances are inaccessible and suggested use of a lock box.

I spoke with Child A's Mother on 12/14/2023 over the telephone. She personally knows Amanda Baker and AHM 1. Amanda Baker and AHM 1 have been in a relationship for several years and AHM 1 lives at the home. AHM 1 is generally not with the child care children and stays separate most of the time. He sometimes hangs out, but he is not a child care staff member, he just lives at the house.

Child A's Mother said Amanda Baker does not let random people stay at her house. Amanda Baker and AHM 1 might have friends over outside of child care hours, but they are not random men. Amanda Baker has had parties for occasions such as AHM 1's birthday and a Thanksgiving party for friends. Amanda Baker and AHM 1 know all of the people attending, and so does she. There are never parties during child care hours and there are never child care children at any parties at her house.

I attempted telephone contact with Child Care Staff Member (CCSM) 1 on 12/14/2023. We spoke over the telephone on 12/20/2023. She said it is very unlikely that there is anyone staying in the basement. There are no beds. She said Amanda Baker was having an issue with an individual regarding the sale of a puppy. This person was saying that someone was living at Amanda Baker's that actually lived down the road. There is not drinking and drug use occurring at the home during child care hours when she is there. She has been there on weekends as a friend and she has seen them drink alcohol but not use drugs.

I attempted telephone contact with Child B's Mother on 12/14/2023 and spoke over the telephone on 12/20/2023. She denied knowledge of any random men living in the home that drink and do drugs.

I attempted telephone contact with Child C's Mother on 12/14/2023 and 12/20/2023. We have not spoken as of the writing of this report.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1902(3)	All persons, including minors, residing in the child care home shall meet all of the following requirements:
ANALYSIS:	The licensee and adult household member are not drinking alcohol or using drugs in the home during child care hours. There are no other men living in the home.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

ALLEGATION: There are 16 dogs, the home is dirty, and has an odor.

INVESTIGATION: During the onsite inspection on 11/09/2023, I observed the main level of the home to be maintained appropriately. There were not any odors in the home. There were some dishes on the counter and in the sink as well as some regular household items around the home. There are seven dogs that live at the home as well

as four puppies. The puppies are for sale and are kenneled in the garage. There are also three cats in the home. Amanda Baker advised most child care occurs in the basement.

We walked through the garage on the way to the basement. The puppies were in the garage contained in a kennel. While in the garage, I observed a compound bow and hunting knife accessible. She said AHM 1 hunts. I encouraged Amanda Baker to secure the bow and knife before receiving children for care.

The basement level was also appropriately maintained and did not have any odors. Amanda Baker had been doing laundry. The couch had some laundry on it that she had been folding. Otherwise, the toys and other equipment was neat and clean. She advised that she regularly cleans. She keeps it as clean as she can with children in care. She only allows children that are related to go upstairs, otherwise they are in the basement. CCSM 1 and her children sometimes go upstairs, but she is present, or it is not during child care hours. Their children are friends and sometimes have sleepovers on a weekend with her children, but is AHM 1 is not providing child care.

I advised AHM 1 that any hunting items that could pose a safety hazard must be kept inaccessible to children. Amanda Baker and AHM 1 agreed to make maintain any hazardous or dangerous items inaccessible to children. There is not an odor in the home.

I spoke to Child A's Mother over the telephone on 12/14/2023. Amanda Baker bleaches after the children leave. She has helped Amanda Baker clean up after the children have left. She denied any concerns about the condition of the home or that there is an odor in the home.

Child A's Mother thinks there are approximately four dogs. There were puppies but she is sure they have rehomed them by now. The dogs do not go downstairs into the basement where child care occurs. There is also a fenced play area outside the children play in and the dogs are not allowed.

Child A's Mother has not observed anything hazardous accessible to children. AHM 1 hunts and so there is a bow and other hunting equipment in the garage, but it is not accessible to children. He takes care of his stuff when not in use and uses a safe for storage.

I attempted telephone contact with Child Care Staff Member (CCSM) 1 on 12/14/2023. We spoke over the telephone on 12/20/2023. She denied that Amanda Baker has 16 dogs. There are quite a few but not that many. She advised there are maybe four or five dogs and barn animals that do not go in the house. The dogs do not go into the child care area in the basement. She denied that the main level or basement of the home is dirty or has an odor. She denied observing any hazardous items accessible.

I attempted telephone contact with Child B's Mother on 12/14/2023 and spoke over the telephone on 12/20/2023. She denied any concerns about dogs or the cleanliness of the home. She did not have concerns about hazardous items being accessible to children.


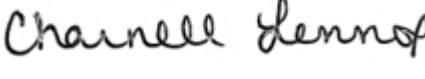
I attempted telephone contact with Child C's Mother on 12/14/2023 and 12/20/2023. We have not spoken as of the writing of this report.

I conducted an exit conference with Amanda Baker over the telephone on 12/21/2023. The puppies are no longer at the home. I encouraged her to continue to maintain the home in a clean and safe manner.

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:	Child care is provided in the basement level of the home. The basement is maintained in the clean and safe manner for children.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

BUREAU RECOMMENATION
I recommend no change in the status of this license.

Approved By:			
	01/02/2024		01/05/2024
Amy Steger Consultant	Date	Charnell Lennox Area Manager	Date