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December 28, 2022

Kenya Simmons
1134 E. Princeton Avenue
Flint, MI 48505

RE: License #: DG250251043
Investigation #: 2023D0026002
Kenya Simmons

Dear Ms. Simmons:

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:

R400.1911(1) Care: supervision: children

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

- I interviewed the person who made the complaint, licensee, caregivers, parents, and children, with relevant information.
- I completed onsite inspections on 10/21/2022, 10/27/2022, and 12/19/2022.

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

R400.1904a(3) Child care staff member; employment requirements
R400.1910(1) Ratio of personnel to children
R400.1911(1) Care; supervision; children

I recommend no change to the current license status.

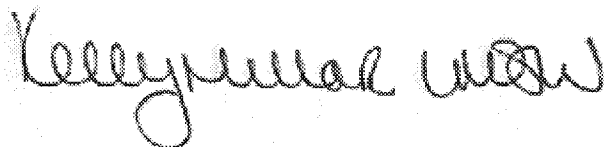
The special investigation report is attached. Due to the violation(s) identified in the report, a written corrective action plan was required. On 12/19/2022, you submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan.

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. 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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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG250251043
Investigation #:	2023D0026002
Complaint Receipt Date:	10/19/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	10/21/2022
Report Due Date:	12/18/2022
Licensee Name:	Kenya Simmons
Licensee Address:	1134 E. Princeton Avenue Flint, MI 48505
Licensee Telephone #:	(810) 288-1868
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Kenya Simmons
Facility Address:	1134 E. Princeton Avenue Flint, MI 48505
Facility Telephone #:	(810) 288-1868
Original Issuance Date:	08/15/2002
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	11/18/2021
Expiration Date:	11/17/2023
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	CHILD CARE GROUP HOME (CAPACITY 7-12)

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child A (Female, 6 years old) was at daycare and sexually assaulted by a male child, aged 14 years old, name unknown.	No
Additional Findings	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

10/19/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0026002
10/21/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone to City of Flint Police Department. No option for voicemail.
10/21/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone Telephone call with Child A's mother, interview conducted.
10/21/2022	Inspection Completed On-site 10:56 AM to 1:08 PM Unannounced onsite inspection completed at group child care home, interviews conducted with licensee Kenya Simmons, Robert Simmons, and Ronterria Simmons.
10/21/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett. A message was left with individual who answered phone, requested a call back.
10/21/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone contact with child care staff member 6, no answer, no option for voice mail.
10/21/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with child care staff member 3, interview conducted.
10/21/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with child care staff member 4, Robin (Simmons) Batson, the number is disconnected.
10/21/2022	Contact - Telephone call made

	Attempted telephone call to a different number for child care staff member 4, Robin (Simmons) Batson. A voice mail was left requesting a call back.
10/26/2022	Contact - Telephone call received Received a call from licensee advising she was going to be off today for appointment and vacation next week.
10/27/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett. Individual who answered stated this was not a number for Lissa Triplett.
10/27/2022	Inspection Completed On-site 11:17 AM to 11:50 AM Unannounced onsite inspection at licensee's home, Interviews conducted with child care staff member 2 Robert Simmons and licensee Kenya Simmons.
11/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to City of Flint Police Department, voicemail left requesting a call back.
11/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call received Received a voicemail from the City of Flint Police Department Juvenile division.
11/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to City of Flint Police Department, voicemail left requesting a call back.
11/02/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to City of Flint Police Department, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with City of Flint Police Department, referred to Sgt. Boone.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Sgt. Boone, City of Flint Police Department, voicemail left requesting a call back.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Child D's mother. A voicemail was left requesting a call back.

11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Child E, F, G, H, I, J's mother. A voicemail was left requesting a call back.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Child K, L, and M's mother, this number is disconnected.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted contact with Child N and O's mother. Voicemail is full, a text was sent.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Child P and Q's mother. No option for voicemail.
11/04/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with receptionist at City of Flint Police Department, she will reach out to the person who logs complaints.
11/09/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with receptionist at City of Flint Police Department, not assigned due to not being received in correct format from centralized intake.
11/09/2022	Contact - Document Sent Email to centralized intake requesting correct format be submitted to City of Flint Police Department.
11/09/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to City of Flint Police Department, no answer.
11/10/2022	Contact - Document Received Received an email from centralized intake, this is actually a Genesee Township Police jurisdiction.
11/10/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with Genesee Township Police Department, they have received it and will get it assigned.
11/15/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with Genesee Township Police Department, this was assigned to Detective Young, he is setting up an interview at advocacy center.

12/08/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with child care staff member 1, interview conducted.
12/08/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with child care staff member 3, Ronterria Simmons, she is not currently available requested a call back.
12/08/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with child care staff member 5, she is not able to talk and will call back.
12/08/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with child care staff member 6, Amehthis Springer, no answer and no option for voicemail.
12/08/2022	Contact - Telephone call made Telephone call with Child D's mother, she requested to call back.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with Child E, F, G, H, I, and J's mother. Individual who answered stated this is not a correct number.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with Child K, L, and M's mother, this is not a working number.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with Child N and O's mother, this is not a working number.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with Child P and Q's mother this is not a working number.
12/08/2022	Contact – Telephone call made Telephone call with licensee, to request additional phone numbers.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Telephone call with Detective Young, conference completed.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call received Received phone call from licensee, with updated numbers.
12/08/2022	Contact – Telephone call made

	Telephone call with Child D's mother, interview conducted.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Telephone call with child care staff member 3, Ronterria Simmons, interview conducted.
12/08/2022	Contact – Telephone call made Telephone call with Child E, F, G, H, I and J's mother, interview conducted.
12/08/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Telephone call with Child K, L, and M's mother, interview conducted.
12/13/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Child A, B and C's mother, this number is disconnected.
12/14/2022	Contact- Face to face 10:54 AM to 10:58 AM Attempted face to face home visit with Child A, B and C's mother. No answer at the door, a business card was left.
12/14/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett. A voicemail was left requesting a call back.
12/15/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett. A voicemail was left requesting a call back.
12/15/2022	Contact- Telephone call received Received a telephone call from child care staff member 1, set appointment for interview of her minor child.
12/19/2022	Contact- Face to face 11:24 AM to 11:27 AM Attempted face to face with Child A, B, and C's mother. The lady who answered stated nobody lives at the home by this name and was a previous tenant.
12/19/2022	Contact- Face to face 12:30 Pm to 12:45 PM Face to face home visit with child care staff member 1 to interview her minor child.
12/19/2022	Contact- Onsite Inspection 12:55 PM to 1:10 PM Unannounced onsite inspection with licensee.

12/19/2022	Exit Conference Exit conference held with licensee.
12/19/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call to Child N and O's mother. No answer, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.
12/20/2022	Contact- Telephone call made Attempted telephone call with child care staff member 6, Amehthis Springer, this number is disconnected.

ALLEGATION: Child A (Female, 6 years old) was at daycare and sexually assaulted by a male child, aged 14 years old, name unknown.

INVESTIGATION: On 10/21/2022, I attempted to contact the City of Flint Police department for coordination of interviews. There was no answer and no option for a voicemail to be left.

On 10/21/2022, I interviewed Child A, B and C's mother via telephone. The children have attended the child care home since approximately May 2022 until July 2022, while she was working on second shift working approximately 2:30 PM until 11:30 PM. In August of 2022 she began to work third shift, and she was told that would be a good thing as her son is "bad" and she was losing money on other children's parents not wanting to send their children when her son was present in the home child care. The children were being dropped off around 9:00 PM and then she would pick them up around 8:00-8:15 in the am. The last day children attended was on Tuesday the 18th of October. She was not aware other children attended child care on 3rd shift. Last week, unknown which day, possibly Tuesday Child A reported she did not like to go to the day care because a boy was touching her there. Child A begged her to not send her to day care. She does not know the boy's name, but she knows what he looks like. She reported he was touching her butt, and yesterday she reported he touched her private area, and was trying to touch her butt. She did not say where it happened, or where the provider was when it was happening. She did not tell anyone about it, and nobody was around. She admits Child A did not tell her much about it. Her other children did not report any issues at the home. The provider had stopped allowing Child B to attend the daycare due to his behaviors. She was told by the provider she only provides care to children birth to age 12, she does not provide care to children up to age 17. The child who touched child A, is the son of one of the child care staff members who work there. The worker and her son leave the child care home by 10:00 PM or 11:00 PM, and that child never spends the night at the home. The child care staff member is there when she drops off her children. The son is an adopted son, the child care staff member is a black lady, who does not like her. She was referred to the child care home by a co-worker of hers, and that person told her the child care staff members son is 14 years old. Child care staff

member 1 is there when she drops her children off, she meets her at the door, and instead of her going inside to drop the kids off, the staff member takes them at the door. She did reach out to the provider who denied it was happening stating she does not condone that type of thing. Child A reports the boy was "throwing hearts" at her, meaning he formed a heart with his hands and made a movement towards Child A with the heart shaped hands. Child A was doing it back to him with it being a "broken heart," as she does not like him. This is what the child care staff member told the provider, but her daughter denies throwing hearts at him, stating again "I do it broken, I don't like him." Child A told her that the boy is always trying to get her to go with him. She feels like the provider has now tried to turn this against her daughter. She did not call the police; she called her primary care doctor who told her to take the child to the hospital. The hospital told her there was "no foul play," but that if it were more than a week since it happened, they would not be able to tell anyway. Her friend who referred her to the daycare, provided the boy's name, and indicated he was adopted. She denies her daughter knows the boy's name, just that he messes with her. On one occasion when she came to get her child from the home, a child care staff member told her, her daughters' pants were off, and they did not know why. It was not so weird to her as her daughter often sleeps with no pants on at home. She did not know that there were other children and boys there at the same time. She is unable to work now as she is afraid to send her child to another daycare.

On 10/1/2022, I complete an unannounced onsite inspection at the provider's home. The door was answered by child care staff member 3, Ronterria Simmons. She indicated the provider; her mother was upstairs in bed sick for the day. She did report children in care at the home. Child care staff member 2, her father, as also upstairs in the bedroom with her mother. Upon entry to the home there were nine children present in the daycare room, some were sleeping, and some were awake eating in front of the TV. A child was seen sleeping on a matt, who appeared young, when Ms. Ronterria Simmons was asked the child's age, she did not know it. When asked for the child's information card, she stated she did not know where they were kept as she had not worked there long. Ms. Ronterria Simmons went upstairs to get the provider but came back down asking for consultant to return a different day as the provider was sick. I informed her I could not do so, and the provider needed to come down so we could meet regarding allegations received.

On the door to the bathroom in the playroom, was a set of pumpkins with children and staff names on them. I viewed child care staff member 1, Ms. Lissa, child care staff member 2, Mr. Robert, child care staff member 3, Ms. Terrie (Ronterria), child care staff member 5, Ms. Robin, Provider, Ms. Kenya. Ms. Ronterria Simmons reported she had been helping out at the daycare periodically as needed for the last month or so. Ms. Simmons came down from the upstairs and when asked who is employed at the daycare, she reported herself and her husband, Mr. Robert. Her daughter helps out as needed. When asked why only herself and Mr. Robert were cleared on the comprehensive childcare background check (CCBC), she stated she did not think anyone else needed to be. She had a previous child care staff member

6, Amehtis Springer, but she quit at the end of September, and she was not ever cleared on the CCBC. Another child care staff member 4, Valerie Graham (Simmons) also was employed previously but moved to a different state and was not cleared on the CCBC.

The allegations were provided to provider, and she denies child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett has worked in the daycare in years, she provided her phone number to reach her. She denies Ms. Lissa comes to the home and denies Ms. Lissa's adopted children come to the home. She did confirm Ms. Lissa's adopted minor children's names and reported not knowing their home address. Advised Ms. Simmons, Ms. Ronterria Simmons needed to leave the daycare as she was not cleared on the CCBC and could not be present or work in the daycare until she had been cleared. She called for a ride, and left the home, later to be understood she only moved to the front living room, which is not approved for child care use, while awaiting her ride.

Ms. Simmons was unable to come up with her attendance, and her child information cards. She was suffering from a migraine and was having difficulty finding the items requested. When asked about overnight care and sleeping on mats, she denied this was true, and stated overnight the children sleep on blow up air beds, and the mats are only used during the day. The child information card was located for the child in question at initial arrival and the child was found to be over the age of one. Ms. Simmons indicated she uses Brightwheel for attendance as well as paper. Further on in the conversation, after I discussed the pumpkins on the wall identifying what looks to be children in the daycare and staff, she admitted Ms. Lissa does in fact come to the daycare, however she only comes up and cleans and it is not a lot, its infrequent. They do not have staff attendance, as they "just wake up and come downstairs." Discussed the rules require daily staff attendance, including arrival and departure times. Discussion held regarding the CCBC and requirements for all child care staff members, household members, those who meet definition of household member, having frequent contact at the home, and unsupervised volunteers are required to be cleared through the CCBC.

Ms. Simmons believes she knows who made the complaint and the little girl goes to school with one of Ms. Lissa's adopted children. Ms. Simmons denies Ms. Lissa's children have been at the home to do anything to Child A. Ms. Simmons reports Terry (Ms. Ronterria) is here most of the time, and she is the one who gets children from the doors at drop off and pick up. She denies Ms. Lissa would have been present in the house at the time Child A, B, and C were dropped off. Ms. Simmons reports she is at the home at 11:00 PM. Ms. Simmons believes Child A, B, and C's mother is upset because she told them Child B was no longer allowed to attend the daycare due to behaviors. Further in the conversation, Ms. Simmons conceded Ms. Lissa does come to the home, her adopted minor children also come to the home on occasion but not at the same time as Child A, B, and C attend the daycare. They have cameras which usually record unless the battery dies but she is unable to try to review them today due to being sick. Child A and C's last day in the daycare was on

September 30th, and Child B's last day was September 8th. Child B's mother attempted to drop him off on the 12th of September, Mr. Robert answered the door and let him stay so she did not miss work, but his behavior got so bad, they ended up calling Child B's grandmother to come and get him. At this point interview was ended due to Ms. Simmons being unable to complete anything further due to her migraine headache. Discussed again the requirement for all individuals required to be cleared on the CCBC, and nobody can work at the daycare prior to that. Ms. Simmons stated she understood and would work on getting those individual cleared on the CCBC. She would also gather her documents including child information cards, and attendance records so they were available for review.

On 10/21/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett, an individual answered and took a message to have her call back.

On 10/21/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 6, this number states subscriber is not available and no option for voicemail.

On 10/21/2022, I conducted an interview with child care staff member 4, Valerie Graham, via telephone. Ms. Simmons worked at the daycare previously, then moved to Las Vegas and lived there for three to four years. She has since returned to Michigan and works at the daycare as needed by her mother, Ms. Kenya Simmons. Mostly her sister Ms. Ronterria (Terry) Simmons and Ms. Lissa Triplett work at the day care. She does not work the overnight shift, so she has no idea what goes on or who attends the daycare during third shift. She believes Ms. Triplett works second shift mostly and after 11:00 PM or midnight it is just her mom, Ms. Kenya Simmons working. She is familiar with Ms. Triplett's sons, and has seen them on occasion at the daycare, not a lot but they have been there on occasion.

On 10/21/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 5, Robin Batson, this number is disconnected.

On 10/21/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 5, at a second available phone number, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 10/26/2022, I received a call from Kenya Simmons who indicated she would be gone from the daycare today for a bit, as she had to take her son to the urgent care and has her own appointment today at 4:00 PM. She will be on vacation next week from Monday through Wednesday.

On 10/27/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 1, Ms. Triplet, the individual who answered the phone this time indicated it was the wrong number.

On 10/27/2022, I completed an unannounced onsite inspection at the provider's home. I conducted an interview with child care staff member 2, Robert Simmons. He denies the allegations. He admits Ms. Lissa's sons have been to the home on occasion, however they are not in the daycare part of the home. They come and

help with garbage or does stuff in the yard to help out. Ms. Lissa's sons are not present during third shift and are not around Child A.

Ms. Lissa has two sons, one is 16 and the other is 14, they believe it is the younger son who is the person it is being alleged about. All of Ms. Lissa's children are adopted. Ms. Simmons called Child A's mother after the last onsite inspection and Child A's mother told her "It is the white boy that comes there." This is Ms. Lissa's 14-year-old son. When Child A came to daycare, she told Ms. Simmons "I don't like white boys." Ms. Simmons talked to her about saying things like that and told her she cannot say things like that. Ms. Lissa's older son who is black is never at the daycare. Updated phone numbers were provided for Ms. Lissa, as well as her address, names, and dates of birth of her two sons were provided. Ms. Simmons said she initially texted Child A's mother, and then Child A's mother called her back. Ms. Simmons also talked to the friend who referred Child A's family to the daycare, and she said she was sorry she referred her here. Child A's mother said her daughter was throwing up a heart sign, which she does all the time at the daycare, and told her mom the boy hit her in the butt. Ms. Simmons denies either of Ms. Lissa's minor children are around the daycare children. If they come over, it is to clean up around the yard or help with the garbage. It is mostly during the summer, and never on third shift. Updated phone numbers were provided for child care staff members 3, Ronterria Simmons and child care staff member 5, Robin Batson, now Simmons. Reviewed child information cards and received attendance records from provider.

On 11/01/2022, I attempted to contact City of Flint Police department, a voicemail was left with the Juvenile Division.

On 11/1/2022, I received a voicemail back from the receptionist at the Juvenile Division.

On 11/1/2022, I attempted to contact the City of Flint Police Department, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 11/2/2022, I attempted to contact the City of Flint Police Department, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 11/4/2022, I spoke with City of Flint Police Department, and they transferred me to Sgt. Boone, left a voicemail requesting a call back.

On 11/4/2022, I attempted to contact child D's mother. A voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 11/4/2022, I attempted to contact Child E, F, G, H, I and J's mother. A voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 11/4/2022, I attempted to contact Child K, L and M's mother, this number is disconnected.

On 11/4/2022, I attempted to contact Child N and O's mother. This number is full for voicemail, so it sent a text.

On 11/4/2022, I attempted to contact Child P and Q's mother, this number is not available, and a voicemail is not an option.

On 11/4/2022, I spoke with Donna at the City of Flint Police Department, Juvenile Division. This is possibly with Detective Lee; however, she will have to have someone in the ID department to see if and when it was received, this is the individual who processes items from centralized intake, and she only works on third shift.

On 11/9/2022, I spoke with Donna at City of Flint Police Department, Juvenile Division. This was received, however it was not received in the correct format or on the correct system, so it was sent back to centralized intake with instructions to complete it in COP Logic.

On 11/9/2022, I emailed the centralized intake worker, requesting this be sent through Cop Logic as City of Flint Police Department requires.

On 11/9/2022, I attempted to contact City of Flint Police Department, nobody answered the phone and no option for voicemail.

On 11/10/2022, I received an email stating this had been reviewed and it should have been sent to Genesee Township Police Department, not City of Flint. The LEN has been sent to Genesee Township as of today.

On 11/10/2022, I spoke with dispatch at Genesee Township Police Department, they did receive it, they will review it put it in for assignment and suggested calling back tomorrow to see who it was assigned to.

On 11/15/2022, I spoke with Genesee Township Police Department, this was assigned to Detective Young. He will request an interview at the advocacy center and will reach out to victim's mother to arrange. He will let me know when it is set up. It is okay for contact to be made with Ms. Triplett and interview her.

On 12/08/2022, I conducted an interview with child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett. Ms. Triplett has worked at the daycare off and on for the past few months. She is usually paid via cash or cash app. She comes in when she is needed. It is usually around 5:00 PM, so she can help with dinner, and arts and crafts. She normally stays until around 9:00 PM or 9:30 PM. She does not usually work until 11:00 PM, but has been there on occasion at that time, possibly waiting for a ride or working. She has two minor sons near the age of the person in the complaint. She

has one son who is 14 and one who is 16. Both have been to the daycare on several different occasions. They usually are going there to help with outdoor clean up or garbage. There has been times when minor child 1 has been inside the home, he has been in the front living room playing video games while she works. He does not go into the day care area and does not have access to the daycare children. There is never a time he has been unsupervised with any of the daycare children. She does not believe anything inappropriate has happened between Child A and minor child 1. She has not ever had CPS intervention or contact with law enforcement regarding her sons. The last time minor child 1 has been to the daycare was sometime in the summer. Her older son was there a few times in August that she can remember. She has not worked at any other day care. She knows Child A's family from the school that her children attend. She states the first time she met Child A, she said "I don't like white people", and was calling minor child 1 names. She told her she cannot say things like that. She asked Child A if she even know minor child 1 and the girl said "yes, he is white." Child A has seen her older son at school, and her brother knows her older son. Her older son is not white.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to interview child care staff member 3, she is currently not available, and requested to be called back later in the day.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to interview child care staff member 5, she is not available, and would like to call back at her break, to date she has not called back.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 6, Amehthis Springer, this number states it is unavailable and no option for voicemail.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to contact child D's mother, she requested to call back in an hour.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to contact Child E, F, G, H, I, and J's mother, after introduction, the phone was hung up. When called back, they stated this person does not have this number any longer.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to contact Child K, L, and M's mother, this is not a working number.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to contact Child N and O's mother, this is not a working number.

On 12/8/2022, I attempted to contact P and Q's mother, this is not a working number.

On 12/8/2022, I spoke with Ms. Simmons, to request updated phone numbers for several of the children and staff members. She will work on this and call back with the updated numbers.

On 12/8/2022, I spoke with Detective Young, who has been unable to reach Child A's mother, this number is disconnected. Himself, and Voice for Children have made multiple attempts to reach Child A. He is going to place complaint as inactive since he cannot reach anyone.

On 12/8/2022, I received a call from Ms. Simmons, she provided updated numbers for Child E, F, G, H, I and J's mother, Child K, L, and M's mother and is still working on the other numbers.

On 12/8/2022, I conducted an interview with Child D's mother. She has no issues with the home. Her children have been there a long time. She is familiar with Ms. Lissa and has seen her there working. She knows the family and has met them. Her children have been going there since they were six months old, and she loves the daycare. Her grandchildren also attend the daycare. Her children mainly attend during the day 6:30 AM - 3:00 or 4:00 PM. She has never seen other children watching her children.

On 12/8/2022, I conducted an interview with child care staff member 3, Ronterria Simmons. She has not been working there, but instead comes when her mom needs help. Usually it is preparing meals, and cleaning. She is also on standby to watch the children for when others are on break. In a week she maybe works three days, but it really just depends on what her mom needs and the number of children present. She is not sure what time Ms. Lissa works or how late she stays as she is only there during the day when she comes. She believes she comes in the evening to assist when her mom calls and asks her to come. She has met her sons but is has been awhile since she has seen them at the daycare. The boys have not been there since she has been working at the daycare. Every blue moon they may come, and when she brings them, they are not in the area of the children, but in the front living room and or the kitchen.

On 12/8/2022, I conducted an interview of Child E, F, G, H, I and J's mother. She has no concerns. Her children have been attending the daycare for the last three years. She has seen Ms. Lissa at the home a few times. She has seen Ms. Lissa's son there, and identified him by name, as the minor child 1. He has been there taking out the garbage.

On 12/8/2022, I conducted an interview of Child K, L, and M's mother. She is familiar with Ms. Lissa, stating "I know her." She has no issues with the daycare, her children have been going there for the last six years. She loves Ms. Lissa, and Ms. Kenya. She has seen the minor child 1 at the home on several occasions and has no concerns with him being there. She states her older son has played video games with him in the living room at times, and really likes him.

On 12/13/2022, I attempted to contact Child A, B, and C's mother. This number is now disconnected.

On 12/14/2022, I attempted an unannounced home visit to the address on Child A, B, and C's child information card. There was no answer at the door, a business card was left.

On 12/14/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 12/15/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett, a voicemail was left requesting a call back.

On 12/15/2022, I received a call back from child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett. She is willing to allow me to interview minor child 1 at her home on 12/19/2022.

On 12/19/2022, I attempted an unannounced home visit to Child A, B, and C's home address listed on child information card. A woman answered the door, and said they do not live here, and have not in a while, she is still getting their mail.

On 12/19/2022, I completed an announced home visit to child care staff member 1, Lissa Triplett's home to interview minor child 1. I completed a forensic interview of minor child 1. He reported his mom works at Ms. Kenya's daycare, and that Ms. Kenya is his aunt or cousin, he is never really sure. He does not know how long his mom has worked there. He has been to the daycare on occasions. He sometimes is just in the front living room playing video games with his cousins. Sometimes he is cleaning up or taking out the garbage. He does clean as well at the home. He is not sure how often it is but believes twice a week. He has not been there since the complaint came in. He does not really pay attention to time, when he is there, so he is not sure how long he is there when he is. He does not know the children who attend day care. He does not play with children at the daycare. He never goes into the daycare room. He does not know who Child A is and has not been around her. He denies he has had any contact with Child A. He has not physically touched her or place his hands on her. He does not know why she would say he has. He does not spend any time with any of the daycare children.

On 12/19/2022, I completed an unannounced onsite inspection at the daycare. I met with Ms. Simmons. I requested an updated phone number for Child N and O's mother, this was provided. Discussed minor child 1 coming to the daycare and at this time advised against it due to nature of complaint made. Discussed at least one child's parent indicted her child interacts with minor child 1 in the living room playing video games. Ms. Simmons denies this to be true and states no daycare children are in the front living room, and minor child 1 has never been in the daycare area.

On 12/19/2022, I completed an exit conference with provider. Reviewed citations, and CAP. Provider signed the CAP.

On 12/20/2022, I attempted to contact Child N and O's mother. A voicemail was left requesting a call back. To date, no return phone call has been received.

On 12/20/2022, I attempted to contact child care staff member 6, Amehthis Springer, this number is disconnected. To date no contact has been completed.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1911	Care; supervision; children.
	(1) A licensee shall ensure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	Licensee employed child care staff member 3, allowed contact with children prior to clearance on the comprehensive background check, and was not present in the room when care was being provided by uncleared child care staff member. Licensee was in her private upstairs bedroom, leaving the children without appropriate care and supervision.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: Licensee did not have child care staff members cleared on the comprehensive childcare background check prior to working.

INVESTIGATION: On 10/1/2022, I complete an unannounced onsite inspection at the provider's home. On the door to the bathroom in the playroom, was a set of pumpkins with children and staff names on them. I viewed child care staff member 1, Ms. Lissa, child care staff member 2, Mr. Robert, child care staff member 3, Ms. Terrie (Ronterria), child care staff member 5, Ms. Robin, Provider, Ms. Kenya. Ms. Ronterria Simmons reported she had been helping out at the daycare periodically as needed for the last month or so. Ms. Simmons came down from the upstairs and when asked who is employed at the daycare, she reported herself and her husband, Mr. Robert. Her daughter helps out as needed. When asked why only herself and Mr. Robert were cleared on the comprehensive childcare background check (CCBC), she stated she did not think anyone else needed to be.

On 10/27/2022, I completed an unannounced onsite home inspection. Ms. Simmons today admitted Ms. Lissa and Ms. Terry (Ronterria) work in the day care. Ms. Lissa does the food, craft, and works approximately three days a week. Ms. Terry does the cleaning in the home. She denies Ms. Graham has worked in the daycare in a long time, maybe once or twice but she does not even believe it has been that. She remembers one time in June possibly Ms. Graham worked at the daycare. She had Ms. Lissa and Ms. Terry complete the registration to be cleared on the CCBC.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1904a	Child care staff member; employment requirements.
	(3) Prior to contact with children, the individual shall be determined by the department to be eligible to serve as a child care staff member, pursuant to section 5n of the act, MCL 722.115n, and as required by R 400.1925.
ANALYSIS:	The licensee has several child care staff members, 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 who are not cleared on the comprehensive childcare background check, prior to contact with children in care.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: Staff to child ratio was not followed, one staff member to nine children.

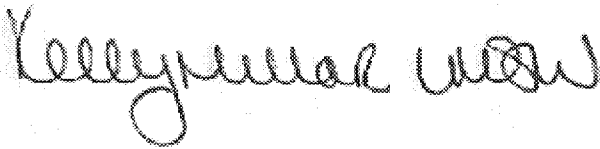
INVESTIGATION: On 10/1/2022, I complete an unannounced onsite inspection at the provider's home. The door was answered by child care staff member 3, Ronterria Simmons. She indicated the provider; her mother was upstairs in bed sick for the day. She did report children in care at the home. Child care staff member 2, her father, as also upstairs in the bedroom with her mother. Upon entry to the home there were nine children present in the daycare room, some were sleeping, and some were awake eating in front of the TV. Ms. Ronterria Simmons was the only staff providing care to nine children.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1910	Ratio of personnel to children.
	(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: (a) Children of the licensee. (b) Children of a child care staff member or child care assistant. (c) Children related to any member of the household by blood, marriage, or adoption.

ANALYSIS:	At the time of initial inspection, there was one child care staff member alone in the day care room, with nine children in care. The licensee and child care staff member 2, were upstairs in their private room, not supervising or providing care for children.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

An acceptable corrective action plan has been approved and I recommend no change to the license status.



 Kelly Millar, LMSW
 Licensing Consultant

12/28/2022
 Date

Approved By:



 Crecendra Boone
 Area Manager

12/28/2022
 Date