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April 27, 2023

Rebecca Reif
3144 S. Allen Road
Allen, MI 49227

RE: License #: DG300304359
Investigation #: 2023D0207009
Rebecca Reif

Dear Ms. Reif:

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:

R400.1920(1) Outdoor play area and equipment.

R400.1932(1) Home maintenance and safety.

The details of the information are in the attached report. To investigate: I interviewed licensee and parents. I completed on-site inspections on the following date: 3/21/2023

As a result of this investigation, I found the following violations:

R400.1920(1) Outdoor play area and equipment.

R400.1932(1) Home maintenance and safety.

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 3/24/2023, 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](#).

Sincerely,

Charnell Lennox

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG300304359
Investigation #:	2023D0207009
Complaint Receipt Date:	03/20/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	03/21/2023
Report Due Date:	05/19/2023
Licensee Name:	Rebecca Reif
Licensee Address:	3144 S. Allen Road Allen, MI 49227
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 610-1309
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Rebecca Reif
Facility Address:	3144 S. Allen Road Allen, MI 49227
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 869-2241
Original Issuance Date:	11/13/2009
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	05/14/2022
Expiration Date:	05/13/2024
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	CHILD CARE GROUP HOME (CAPACITY 7-12)

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Outdoor play area and inside of the home are not maintained in a clean and safe condition.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

03/20/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0207009
03/21/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Interview completed with licensee Rebecca Reif from 11:50 A.M. to 12:25 P.M.
03/22/2023	Corrective Action Plan Requested and Due on 04/10/2023
03/23/2023	Corrective Action Plan Received
03/24/2023	Corrective Action Plan Approved
03/24/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Phone call to Child A's mother and Child B's mother. Left messages.
03/27/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Phone call to Child A's mother.
03/28/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Phone call to Child B's mother.
04/27/2023	Exit Conference Completed via email with Ms. Reif.

ALLEGATION: Outdoor play area and inside of the home are not maintained in a clean and safe condition.

INVESTIGATION: I completed an onsite inspection and interview with licensee Rebecca Reif on 3/21/2023. Ms. Reif said that she knows her home is cluttered in the child use areas, but everything is pushed to the sides against the walls, hazardous materials are up where the children can't reach, and the children do not disturb it. She reported that she only has two families currently enrolled. I observed the playroom which was clutter free and in good repair. The kitchen, dining room and living room were observed to have boxes, totes and other household paraphernalia along the walls, some stacked on top of one another, in the child use areas. The kitchen countertops were cluttered with boxed food, unclean dishes and other household items and left little to no room to prepare food. Ms. Reif said she understood that her home needs to be maintained in a clean, safe and comfortable condition, and said that it would not be a problem to clean up the child use areas.

The outdoor area was observed. The outdoor play structures were pushed out of the yard into a field that is next to the yard. All of the structures were right next to one another, and some piled on top of one another. There were broken structures and toys observed. Ms. Reif was informed that she needs to have a soft ground covering under any play structures that are over 30 inches in height. Ms. Reif said she understood and that she would remove any toys that were broken and in disrepair and move the play structures so they are at least 6 feet apart and put them over a soft covering like mulch.

On 3/27/2023 I spoke to Child A's mother. She reported that she has no concerns for the state of the home, and although she did notice that the outside of the home has clutter, she trusts that Ms. Reif ensures the children are only playing in safe areas. She said she knows Ms. Reif personally and trusts her completely with her children. She had no concerns to bring to the department's attention. On 3/28/2023 I spoke to Child B's mother. Child B's mother reported that at times she has noticed that the kitchen counters seem cluttered and disorganized, but this does not concern her as she knows Ms. Reif is keeping an eye on her children and keeping her children safe. She said she has witnessed the children playing outside in the side yard and had no concerns about the broken equipment because she has not seen anyone on it. She had no concerns to bring to the department's attention.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1920	Outdoor play area and equipment.
	(1) A child care home shall provide a clean, safe, and hazard free outdoor play area, on the premises or within a reasonable walking distance of the home.

ANALYSIS:	The outdoor play area was not kept in a clean, safe and hazard free condition.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1932	Home maintenance and safety.
	(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:	The inside of the home was not kept in a clean, safe and comfortable condition.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the license status.

Charnell Lennox

4/27/2023

Charnell Lennox
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Yolanda Sims

4/27/2023

Yolanda Sims
Area Manager

Date