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March 28, 2022

Tammy Betz  
8617 Gibbs Rd  
Springport, MI 49284

RE: License #: DG380326284  
Investigation #: 2022D0105002  
Tammy Betz

Dear Ms. Betz:

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:

**R400.1916(13)(a) Bedding and sleeping equipment.**  
**R400.1936(3) Animals and pets.**

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

- I interviewed the person who made the complaint, licensee, caregivers, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: February 7, 2022.

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

**R400.1916(13)(a) Bedding and sleeping equipment.**

I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by April 13, 2022. 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.

Due to the infant safe sleep violation(s), you and all of your caregivers must take training on infant safe sleep. In addition, a follow up inspection may be made to check compliance with the infant safe sleep rules.

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,



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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DG380326284
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2022D0105002
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	02/02/2022
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	02/02/2022
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	04/03/2022
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Tammy Betz
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	8617 Gibbs Rd Springport, MI 49284
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(517) 857-3718
<b>Administrator:</b>	N/A
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Tammy Betz
<b>Facility Address:</b>	8617 Gibbs Rd Springport, MI 49284
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(517) 612-3486
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	10/15/2012
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	04/15/2021
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	04/14/2023
<b>Capacity:</b>	12
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE GROUP HOME (CAPACITY 7-12)

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child A (age 6 months) was left sleeping in his car seat for approximately 10 minutes.	Yes
A large dog was around the child care children without supervision.	No

## III. METHODOLOGY

02/02/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022D0105002
02/02/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - Telephone I interviewed Child A's Mother.
02/02/2022	Contact - Document Received Reviewed video provided by Child A's Mother.
02/07/2022	Inspection Completed On-site, arrived 1:15pm, departed 2:32pm. I interviewed Tammy Betz and Tasha Stone, child care staff member.
03/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Child F, G and H's Mother.
03/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Child D and E's Mother.
03/01/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Child B and C's Mother.
03/01/2022	Exit Conference with Tammy Betz.

**ALLEGATION:** Child A (age 6 months) was left sleeping in his car seat for approximately 10 minutes.

**INVESTIGATION:** During my telephone interview with Child A's Mother on February 2, 2022, she explained that her son attended the child care for two days, January 28 and February 1, 2022. She added that she and her son visited the home on January 11, 2022. Child A's Mother said she did not have any real concerns after picking up her son on January 28, 2022. But when she arrived to pick him up on February 1, 2022, he was sleeping in his car seat with the winter seat cover over him. Child A's Mother asked Tasha Stone, child care staff member, how long Child A had been sleeping in his car seat. Ms. Stone's reply was, "about 10 minutes". Ms. Betz was in the room, but on the other side of the kitchen counter. Child A's Mother had the

video on her cell phone running when Ms. Stone made this statement. Child A's Mother sent the video to me, and I was able to see and hear Ms. Stone's comment.

Tammy Betz, licensee, said they decided to get Child A ready for pick up a few minutes prior to the time his mother was picking him up. Ms. Betz said she was in the kitchen, but not near Child A and was not sure how long he was asleep. She did not think it was more than a few minutes because he had not been in his car seat very long. Ms. Betz knows and understands the safe sleep policy.

Tasha Stone knows about safe sleep policy and was near Child A while he was in the car seat. She stated he was only asleep a few minutes. I told her that I heard her state to Child A's Mother that he was sleeping in the car seat for about 10 minutes. Ms. Stone agreed that it could have been that long. Ms. Stone thought it was okay because she was right there.

Child B and C's Mother stated she has two infants who attend Ms. Betz's child care. They have never been in their car seats when she has arrived. Child B and C's Mother knows about safe sleep and has never seen infants sleep in their car seats or other unapproved equipment.

Child D and E's Mother has not seen infants sleep in car seats. She said Ms. Betz has enough cribs and pack n plays for the children.

Child F, G, and H's Mother informed me that one morning she suggested her infant stay in their car seat until they woke. Ms. Betz told her she could not do that. She had to move the infant to a crib or pack n play.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1916</b>	<b>Bedding and sleeping equipment.</b>
	<b>(13) None of the following are approved sleeping equipment for children 24 months of age or younger:</b> <b>(a) Infant car seats.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	There is evidence that Child A was asleep in his car seat for approximately 10 minutes, providing an unsafe sleep environment.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

**ALLEGATION: A large dog was around the child care children without supervision.**

**INVESTIGATION:** Child A's Mother said she saw a large dog go into the play room with children during her visit on January 11, 2022. Later that evening she called Tammy Betz and told her she did not want the dog around her son. Child A's Mother stated that when she picked up her son on February 1, 2022, the large dog was wandering around near him. Child A's Mother sent me a video showing Child A sleeping in his car seat. I could see part of the dog, but he was behind Ms. Stone. He was not close to Child A and Ms. Stone was supervising. During my onsite inspection, I observed a gate across the play room. The dogs could not get to the children.

Ms. Betz and Ms. Stone both stated that the large dog belongs to Ms. Betz's son and is not usually there. Ms. Betz has a small dog. She said neither dog is allowed in the play room with the children unless an adult is present.

Child B and C's Mother stated that Ms. Betz keeps the dogs away from the children. She added that the big dog has just recently been present on a few occasions.

Child D and E's Mother informed me that she has seen no issues with the dogs. She said the play room has a gate and dogs are not allowed in the playroom.

Child F, G, and H's Mother informed me that she has seen a small dog at Ms. Betz's home, but not a large dog. She has never observed the small dog being aggressive. She believes the children play in the play room most of the time and the dogs are not allowed in the play room.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1936</b>	<b>Animals and pets.</b>
	<b>(3) Children having contact with animals and pets shall be supervised by a child care staff member who is physically close enough to remove a child immediately if the animal shows signs of distress or the child shows signs of treating the animal inappropriately.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Ms. Stone was in a location to easily lift Child A's car seat out of harm's way if the dog decided to be aggressive.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Upon receipt of an acceptable written corrective action plan, I recommend this special investigation be closed.

*Cheryl Gillespie*

3/28/2022

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Cheryl Gillespie  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

*Darlese McConnell*

03/28/2028

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Darlese McConnell  
Area Manager

Date