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December 5, 2022

Mary Buist
4264 Flamingo SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

RE: License #: DG410080611
Investigation #: 2022D1083012
Mary Buist

Dear Mrs. Buist:

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:

R400.1910 Ratio of personnel to children.

R400.1911 Care; supervision; children.

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

- I interviewed: the licensee, household member, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 3/25/2022 and 5/20/2022.

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

R400.1910 Ratio of personnel to children.

I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 12/23/2022. 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.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	☐	☒
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	☐	☒

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 #:	DG410080611
Investigation #:	2022D1083012
Complaint Receipt Date:	03/22/2022
Investigation Initiation Date:	03/25/2022
Report Due Date:	05/21/2022
Licensee Name:	Mary Buist
Licensee Address:	4264 Flamingo SW Wyoming, MI 49509
Licensee Telephone #:	Unknown
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	
Name of Facility:	Mary Buist
Facility Address:	4264 Flamingo Avenue, SW Wyoming, MI 49509-4320
Facility Telephone #:	(616) 538-9393
Original Issuance Date:	04/30/1998
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	12/19/2021
Expiration Date:	12/18/2023
Capacity:	14
Program Type:	CHILD CARE GROUP HOME (CAPACITY 7-12)

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Mary Buist cares for more than six children alone.	Yes
Mary Buist consumes alcohol while caring for children.	No

III. METHODOLOGY

03/22/2022	Special Investigation Intake 2022D1083012
03/25/2022	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site attempted; no one at residence. Business card left at mailbox/front door
05/20/2022	Inspection Completed On-site Approximately 10:00AM - 11:05AM. Interviewed Mary Buist and [REDACTED]
05/27/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Child A's Mother
05/27/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Child B's Mother, message left
05/27/2022	Contact - Document Received from Child B's Mother
05/27/2022	Contact - Telephone call made to Child C's Mother
05/27/2022	Exit Conference w/Mary Buist via telephone

ALLEGATION: Mary Buist cares for more than six children alone.

INVESTIGATION:

I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection on 5/20/2022. There were eight unrelated children present at the time of inspection. Mrs. Buist was caring for the child care children alone. Mrs. Buist acknowledged caring for too many children alone. She explained that she does not do this often and that she recently hired an assistant child care staff member to ensure that she meets the appropriate ratio requirements for personnel to children at all times. I provided technical assistance to Mrs. Buist regarding the administrative rules related to ratio. Consultation was also provided and we discussed effective ways to communicate with parents to ensure that Mrs. Buist was not caring for too many children at one time while alone.

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:	On 5/20/2022, Mary Buist was caring for eight child care children alone.
CONCLUSION:	VIO/LATION ESTABLISHED

ALLEGATION: Mary Buist consumes alcohol while caring for children

INVESTIGATION:

I was unable to contact the complainant regarding the allegations as a telephone number was not provided. Per the information provided by the complainant at the time of intake, empty beer cans have been observed in the kitchen of the child care home and in the garage.

I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection on 3/25/2022, but no one was present at the residence. I conducted a second unannounced inspection on 5/20/2022. Ms. Buist was caring for the child care children. Mrs. Buist denied consuming alcohol during child care hours. She explained that she does not drink alcohol. She stated that her husband, [REDACTED] drinks beer when arrives home from work at approximately 5:30PM each day. The majority of the children in care are picked up by 5:00PM. She acknowledged that there have been empty beer cans in the kitchen sink as they are being drained for return to the local grocery store. [REDACTED] generally takes the beer cans to the garage when he leaves for work, and they are kept there until they are returned to the store. Children are not allowed in the garage as this is not an approved use space. I observed the main level of the home during the onsite inspection and there were no empty beer cans present.

I interviewed [REDACTED] regarding the allegation during the onsite inspection. He stated that he generally arrives at home at approximately 5:30PM. He

acknowledged drinking beer, but he denied consuming it in the presence of child care children. He stated that if children are still present at the home when he arrives, he will drink a beer in the garage while he's working, and children are never present in the garage. [REDACTED] typically removes any empty beer cans in the mornings as he leaves for work, prior to children arriving. The empty cans are taken to the garage until he returns them to the store at a later time. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. Buist does not consume alcohol at all.

I interviewed Child A's Mother regarding the allegation via telephone on 5/27/2022. She has never observed empty beer cans at the child care home. She had no concerns regarding Mrs. Buist or anyone else at the home consuming alcohol during child care hours. Child A's Mother stated that Mrs. Buist is a great child care provider.

I interviewed Child B's Mother regarding the allegation via telephone on 5/27/2022. She had no concerns regarding the care and supervision that Mrs. Buist provides. She explained that [REDACTED] will drink a beer in the garage while working on projects, but she didn't believe that Mrs. Buist consumed alcohol. She had never heard of Mrs. Buist consuming alcohol, and she has never observed anyone drink alcohol inside of the child care home.

I also interviewed Child C's Mother regarding the allegation via telephone on 5/27/2022. She stated that Mrs. Buist does a great job caring for children and she has not observed beer cans in the home. She also stated that she didn't think that Mrs. Buist consumed alcohol.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1911	Care; supervision; children.
	(1) A licensee shall ensure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	Mary Buist denied consuming alcohol while caring for children. All parties interviewed reported that Mrs. Buist does not consume alcohol and had no concerns regarding the care and supervision provided. Ms. Buist provides appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change to the status of this child care license.

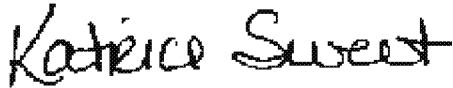


12/4/2022

Stacia L. Thrower
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



12/05/2022

Katrice Sweet
Area Manager

Date