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**REDACTED REPORT**

August 21, 2020

Joellen Drallette  
 Drallette Enterprises Inc.  
 2711 Nighthawk Ave.  
 Schoolcraft, MI 49087

RE: License #: DC390314864  
 Investigation #: 2020D0298009  
 Bullfrogs and Butterflies Christian Preschool

Dear Mrs. Drallette:

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:

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements.

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

- I interviewed the person who made the complaint, program director, licensee, child care staff members, and parents.
- I completed an onsite inspection on 07/01/2020.

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.

<b>During this special investigation:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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"/>

You will be sent two copies of this report. One is **not for public disclosure** and one is a **redacted report**.

- The report marked ***not for public disclosure*** is for your records only. This copy may contain legally protected information. It must not be placed in your licensing notebook.
- The report marked ***redacted report*** may have some legally protected information blacked out. The ***redacted report*** and any related corrective action plans must be placed in your licensing notebook. The ***redacted 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 (616) 356-0183.

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>	DC390314864
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2020D0298009
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	06/30/2020
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	06/30/2020
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	08/29/2020
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Drallette Enterprises Inc.
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	2711 Nighthawk Avenue Schoolcraft, MI 49087
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	Unknown
<b>Administrator:</b>	Joellen Drallette, Designee
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	Joellen Drallette, Designee
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Bullfrogs and Butterflies Christian Preschool
<b>Facility Address:</b>	5904 South 12th Street Portage, MI 49024
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(269) 488-2120
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	12/13/2011
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	01/24/2018
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	01/23/2020
<b>Capacity:</b>	99
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE CENTER

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
Child A stated that Child B touched her inappropriately while playing in the outdoor play area.	No

## III. METHODOLOGY

06/30/2020	Special Investigation Intake – 2020D0298009
06/30/2020	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone call to program director Melissa Shoffner.
07/01/2020	Inspection Completed On-site from approximately 12:15 until 1:30 pm. Interviewed program director Melissa Shoffner, licensee Joellen Drallete, and child care staff member, Taryn Ingersoll.
08/14/2020	Contact – Telephone call made to Child A's Mother.
08/14/2020	Contact – Telephone call made to Child B's Mother.
08/14/2020	Contact – Telephone call made to Child C's Mother.
08/14/2020	Contact – Telephone call made to Child D's Mother.
08/14/2020	Contact – Telephone call made to Child E's Mother.
08/20/2020	Exit Conference with Melissa Shoffner.

**ALLEGATION:** Child A stated that Child B touched her inappropriately while playing in the outdoor play area.

**INVESTIGATION:** I spoke with program director Melissa Shoffner over the telephone on 06/30/2020. She advised that Child A's Father came to her on 06/29/2020 and told her that Child A disclosed to Child A's Mother that Child B touched her "under her pants" while "playing in the trees" in the outdoor play area the previous week. Child A said she thought that it happened Tuesday (06/23/2020). Ms. Shoffner advised that Ms. Ingersoll was the only child care staff member in the outdoor play area at that time.

Ms. Shoffner also stated that on 06/29/2020, while in the outdoor play area, Child A told child care staff member Taryn Ingersoll that Child B had just touched her. Ms.

Ingersoll asked when it happened and Child A responded with “just now”. Ms. Ingersoll was confused because Child A had been at her side the entire time so she questioned how it happened since the two children were not near one another. Child A responded by saying “it feels like he did”.

On 07/01/2020 I conducted an on-site inspection. I first spoke with licensee Joellen Drallette. Ms. Drallette took me to the outdoor play area, where I observed the entire school age play area, including the trees. The trees had long narrow trunks with no low foliage, leaving no blind spots.

After speaking with Ms. Drallette, I spoke with Ms. Shoffner. Ms. Shoffner advised that Child A continues to talk to Ms. Ingersoll about matters that have put up some red flags. Ms. Ingersoll is taking notes and advising Ms. Shoffner each time. Ms. Shoffner gave me a copy of Ms. Ingersoll’s notes.

After speaking with Ms. Shoffner, I interviewed child care staff member Taryn Ingersoll. Ms. Ingersoll stated that the week of 06/22-6/26 Child A approached her while in the outdoor play area and stated that a child had just kissed her and told her that he loved her and told her that they were now dating. That child was not Child B. Ms. Ingersoll spoke with the other child, who said that he had told Child A that he loved her, but in a “friend way”. He denied that anything further occurred. After that, Ms. Ingersoll kept the two children separate.

Ms. Ingersoll advised that on 06/29/2020 Child A’s Father called Ms. Shoffner and told her that Child A told her mother that Child B had touched her “under her pants” while in the outdoor play area sometime during the week of 06/22-06/26. After speaking with Ms. Shoffner, Child A’s Father spoke with Ms. Ingersoll about the matter. Sometime after the call, Child A asked Ms. Ingersoll if her father had called to tell them about Child B. Child A then told Ms. Ingersoll that Child B touched her “under her pants” while in the outdoor play area. They were in the outdoor play area at the time, so Ms. Ingersoll asked Child A to tell her where it occurred. Child A said he took her over by the fence, behind the preschool outdoor play area. Ms. Ingersoll advised that that would not be possible, as they would have had to walk past her to have gotten there and she would not have allowed that.

After Child A spoke with her, Ms. Ingersoll spoke with Child B. She explained that there had been a report that he put his hands on someone and she reminded him that they were a hands free place. He said he pushed past someone the previous week but he apologized to that person. Ms. Ingersoll did not specifically ask about Child A and he did not say anything about her.

While they were still outside that day, Child A was at Ms. Ingersoll’s side and Child B was in the sandbox. Child A again said that Child B touched her. Ms. Ingersoll said we already talked about that and Child A said that it happened “again”, “just now”. Ms. Ingersoll pointed out to Child A that they had been nowhere near one another and Child A said, “well I feel like he did”.

After these things occurred, Ms. Ingersoll, Ms. Shoffner, and Ms. Drallette met. They set a plan in place to have two child care staff members present when 12 children or more are present, despite the licensing rules stating that only one child care staff member has to be present for every 18 children. They also condensed the outdoor play area to a smaller area and Ms. Ingersoll has started journaling anything concerning regarding Child A.

On 06/30/2020 Child A asked permission to use the bathroom. Ms. Ingersoll gave it to her, noting that Child A was the only one using the bathroom at the time. When Child A came out of the bathroom, she told Ms. Ingersoll that a child had been in the bathroom with her and had crawled under the stall to her area. The child in question had been sitting at a table working on a project with Ms. Ingersoll the entire time Child A was in the bathroom. Ms. Ingersoll asked for clarification as to when this happened and Child A said, "just now".

Ms. Ingersoll noted that Child A tends to make allegations against children that are with Ms. Ingersoll at the time she is alleging something occurred. She also noted that Child A tends to stay by her side as much as she can.

On 07/14/2020 I received an email from Ms. Drallette. The email included a half page of journal notes from Ms. Ingersoll. The notes stated that Child A told Ms. Ingersoll that she "lies to the teacher a lot". When asked what she lies about, Child A said, "what friends do to me", "like Child B".

I spoke with Child A's Mother over the telephone on 08/14/2020. She stated that she has no current concerns regarding the allegations or with the child care center.

On 08/14/2020 Child B's Mother stated that she does not believe the allegations to be true. She does not believe her son would do something of the sort and she has no concerns regarding the supervision at the center. Additionally, child care staff members at the center have told her that Child A's story keeps changing.

On 08/14/2020 I spoke with Child C's Mother, Child D's Mother, and Child E's Mother. None of them had any concerns regarding the level of supervision at the center.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.8125</b>	<b>Staff; volunteer; requirements.</b>
	<b>(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.</b>

<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Child care staff members are providing appropriate care and supervision at the center.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change in the license status.



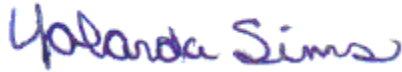
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Date

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08/21/2020

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Yolanda Sims  
Area Manager

Date