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October 29, 2019

Rebecca Rodgers
8310 S. Cornwell Road
Clare, MI 48617

RE: License #: **DG180384734**
Investigation #: **2019D0452016**
Becky's Daycare

Dear Ms. Rodgers:

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) Supervision.

The details of the allegations are in the attached report. To investigate the allegations, I completed an onsite inspection on 08/26/2019. I interviewed the person who made the complaint, licensee, caregivers and parents.

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.

	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 redacted report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. This 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 (517) 284-9720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana M. Desgranges".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DG180384734
Investigation #:	2019D0452016
Complaint Receipt Date:	08/22/2019
Investigation Initiation Date:	08/26/2019
Report Due Date:	10/21/2019
Licensee Name:	Rebecca Rodgers
Licensee Address:	8310 S. Cornwell Road Clare, MI 48617
Licensee Telephone #:	Unknown
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	
Name of Facility:	Becky's Daycare
Facility Address:	8310 S Cornwell Avenue Clare, MI 48617
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 386-3811
Original Issuance Date:	12/01/2016
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	06/01/2019
Expiration Date:	05/31/2021
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	CHILD CARE GROUP HOME (CAPACITY 7-12)

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
On 8/20/2019, Child A pulled down a child's pants Child C or I)) and began <u>Child en</u> avoroached the other <u>child (Child C or Child D) and</u> down and began	No

III. METHODOLOGY

08/22/2019	Special Investigation Intake 2019D0452016
08/22/2019	Contact - Telephone call made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .: voicemail left
08/23/2019	Contact - Telephone call made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voicemail left
08/26/2019	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site from approximately 10:50 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rodgers: interviewed • Mr. Rodgers: interviewed Contact — Documents Received
09/23/2019	Contact - Telephone Call Made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child A, B and L's Mother: unable to leave a voicemail • Child C and D's Father: voicemail left • Child E and F's Mother: voicemail left • Child G's Mother: voicemail left • Child H's Mother: voicemail left • Child I and J's Mother: voicemail left • Child C and D's Mother: interviewed • Child K's Mother: interviewed Contact - Telephone Call Received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child C and D's Father: interviewed • Child E and F's Mother: interviewed Contact — Document Sent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child A, B and L's Mother: left a message via text messaging
09/24/2019	Contact — Telephone Call Received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child A, B and J's Mother: interviewed
10/17/2019	Exit Conference

ALLEGATION: On 8/20/2019, Child A pulled down a child's pants Child [redacted] or Child D [redacted] and began [redacted] Chen approached [redacted] Child D) [redacted] er c i d (Child C or [redacted] an • pu e • pants down and began

INVESTIGATION: On 8/26/2019, I conducted an unannounced on-site inspection of the group child care home of Ms. Rodgers. When I explained the allegations to Ms. Rodgers, she stated that she was already aware of them. She provided me with a copy of the notes she took the day the incident occurred. In her notes, she reported that on 8/20/2019, Child A, B and L's Mother arrived at her home around 4:00 p.m. to pick up Child A and Child B (male, 16 months). Ms. Rodgers and Child A, B and L's Mother had been talking to each other while standing outside next to the basement door that leads into the child care home and the approved child care room. Ms. Rodgers was holding Child E (female, 9 months) while the other children in attendance were playing in the fenced in play area. Child L, who does not attend Ms. Rodgers child care anymore, ran up to his mother and told her that Child A was in the playhouse and was pulling down Child C's pants. Ms. Rodgers said that Child A, B and L's Mother ran over to the play area, pulled Child A out of the playhouse and brought over to where they had been talking and sat down on a bench. When she asked Child A, B and L's Mother what was wrong, she told her that when she went inside the playhouse to get Child A, Child C was standing there and pants were pulled down in the front. Ms. Rodgers said that Child L made a comment that the other child out in the la area said that Child A pulled pants down too

and had put [redacted]. Ms. Rodgers stated that the other child [redacted] was

referring to was [redacted] i [redacted]). She also stated that after Child A, B and L's Mother heard this, she was upset and left, stating that she would talk to her the following day. Ms. Rodgers then proceeded to talk to Child C and Child D about what had just happened. She stated that both Child C and Child D said they were both in the playhouse when Child A had pulled their pants down. Child C said [redacted] could not leave the playhouse because Child A had [redacted] arm in front of the door and Child D said [redacted] did not pull pants up because [redacted] couldn't. Ms. Rodgers said that she did not as Child C and [redacted] Child D about [redacted] she just addressed Child A pulling their pants down. She then kept both of em in the house with her until their

father arrived to pick them up. When he arrived, she told him what had happened and asked him if he would speak to Child C and Child D about it at home.

Ms. Rodgers said that Child C and D's Father told her, after speaking with Child C and Child D, that he believed Child A had been the aggressor because Child C and Child D do not know anything about _____ Ms. Rodgers spoke to Child C and D's Mother about it and she told her that she was concerned about Child A's behavior. When Ms. Rodgers spoke with Child A, B and L's Mother, the day after the incident had occurred, Child A, B and L's Mother told her that she knows Child A pulled their pants down because she saw it happen, but she did not think Child A had put mouth on Child C or Child D's _____ Ms. Rodgers encouraged both set of parents to speak with one another. Ms. Rodgers further reported that she could not remember anything specifically happening on 08/20/2019 that was concerning, and she is not aware of anything like this ever having happened before. She mentioned that Child C and Child D liked to play rough with one another, "they like to hit each other and grab each other in the crotch all the time...but no sexualized behaviors". She has never witnessed either of them grabbing any other child in the crotch area. She stated that Child A is not a shy child, _____ will walk up to parents and hold onto their hands and tease the other children that the parent is _____ parent, "...but never noticed any sexualized behaviors". Ms. Rodgers also reported that none of the other children in attendance on that day said anything in reference to the incident.

Ms. Rodgers has three playhouses located within the fenced in outdoor play area. The play area is located approximately 30 paces from the basement door that leads into the child care home and the approved child care room. Ms. Rodgers stated that Mr. Rodgers is her assistant caregiver and helps her when she needs him too. When he is outside with the children he will sit in the swing where he can see the play area, or he will work on something in the yard near the play area. She admitted that she is not always directly out in the fenced in play area with the children when they are playing outside. Sometimes she goes in and out of the house to attend to the infants who are sleeping. She feels like she provides appropriate care and supervision and keeps an eye on the children.

Mr. Rodgers reported that he had no knowledge of what had occurred on 08/20/2019 between Child A, Child C and Child D. He said he had helped Ms. Rodgers earlier in the day, but was not present when Child A, B and L's Mother was there to pick up the children. When the children are outside playing, he will either be sitting in the swing that is located near the play area or working on something in the yard nearby. He confirmed that Child C and Child D play rough with one another and have a habit of grabbing each other in the crotch area but he has only witnessed it occurring between the two of them and not with the other child care children. He also stated that Child A is not a shy child and will walk up and talk to anyone. He

has never witnessed any children exhibiting any type of sexualized behavior while in care.

On 09/23/2019, Child C and D's Mother reported that she was aware of the incident that had occurred between Child A and Child C and Child D. She stated that she did not have any first-hand knowledge about the incident, only what Ms. Rodgers had shared with her. She said that Child C and D's Father spoke to the [redacted] about the incident after it occurred, but she did not. She clarified that because their father had spoken to them about it, she did not feel the need to address it again with them. Child C and D's Mother said that she has never witnessed any type of sexualized behaviors from Child C or Child D and since the incident occurred, they have never mentioned it. Child C and D's Mother stated that she has no concerns with how Ms. Rodgers handled the situation or about the care and supervision she provides. She has no concerns with the incident that allegedly **occurred, "kids are curious...but I** was concerned about Child A because of the actions

Child C and D's Father reported that he had spoken to Child C and Child D about the alleged incident the night it had occurred. He stated that Child C and Child D had told

[redacted] him that [redacted]

He said, "they didn't understand how this was a **in** **Child C and Child D never mentioned Child A**

concerns with and the **an** behaviors **sa er u er repo e a e a** exhibited when he has been at Ms.

Rodgers home, "... is cliniwith strangers...latches on to me.. **Mil** has constantly asked me o take [redacted] home". Child C and D's Father sta e that the care and supervision Ms. Rodgers provides is not the best, "...I am uptight about that stuff...I feel like they are left to run at times". Child C and D's Father declined to allowing Child C and Child D be interviewed, because he felt that it had been addressed with Child C and Child D and there was no need to bring it up again. He would agree to them being interviewed, if it was necessary in regards to providing help to Child A.

Child E and F's Mother reported that Child E (female, 3 years) has never indicated that inappropriate touching or pulling down each other pants has ever happened between the children in care. She further reported that she has no concerns with the care and supervision Ms. Rodgers provides.

Child K's Mother reported that in the last five years, since Child K (male, 7 years) has been attending Ms. Rodgers child care, she has never had a concern in regards to the other children in care. Child K has never mentioned inappropriate touching or behaviors such as being asked to pull down his pants. She further reported that she

does not have any concerns in regards to the care and supervision Ms. Rodgers provides, "...never had any problems".

On 9/24/2019, Child A, B and L's Mother reported that on the day the incident occurred, she had been outside the home speaking with Ms. Rodgers, when Child L came up to her and told her that Child A was doing inappropriate things. When she walked over to the play area she found

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 mother as a witness any of them touching each other. After the incident occurred, she spoke with Child A about it and when she asked had looked at me didn't know... said "didn't put anything in her mouth". Child A, B and L's Mother said that she thinks the children were just being curious and she did not know how was capable of pulling down the pants of . She spoke with Child C and D's Mother about the incident and felt like things had been addressed. She further reported that Child A has never mentioned anything about the incident again and after having returned to Ms. Rodger's home the next day, all of the children got along and were playing together. She thinks Ms. Rodgers does a great job and does not have any concerns with the care and supervision she provides. Child A, B and L's Mother declined to allowing Child A to be interviewed, because she did not feel there was a need to speak to Child A about the incident because M seemed to have forgotten about it happening.

On 9/23/2019, a voicemail was left with Child H's Mother, Child I and J's Mother and Child G's Mother; as of the date of this report, I have not received a call back.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1911	Supervision.
	(1) The caregiver shall assure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

ANALYSIS:	Ms. Rodgers provided appropriate care and supervision of Child A, Child C and Child. D on 08/20/2019. Ms. Rodgers reported that there had not been any prior incidents or concerns with the children playing outside or in the playhouses. She believed she provided appropriate care and supervision of the children while outside playing and that she has no reason for the children to have to play within her eyesight.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change to the status of this child care license.

Dana M. Desgranges

10/22/2019

Dana Desgranges
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Katrice Sweet

10/29/2019

Katrice Sweet
Area Manager

Date