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September 7, 2021

Christina Alighire
c/o REE Midwest, Inc.
1742 Crooks Rd
Troy, MI 48084

RE: License #: DC330294579
Investigation #: 2021D0428007
Rainbow Child Development Center-Okemos

Dear Ms. Alighire:

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:

R400.8125 Staff; volunteer; requirements.

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

- I interviewed the program director, caregivers, parents, or others with relevant information.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: June 14, 2021.

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

R400.8125 Staff; volunteer; requirements.

I recommend issuance of a first provisional license. If you accept the provisional license, you must sign and return the enclosed waiver form. If you do not accept the provisional license, you must notify this office in writing and an administrative hearing will be scheduled. Even if you don't accept the provisional license, you must still send us an acceptable corrective action plan.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 9/27/2021. 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.	<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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Enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC330294579
Investigation #:	2021D0428007
Complaint Receipt Date:	06/08/2021
Investigation Initiation Date:	06/14/2021
Report Due Date:	08/07/2021
Licensee Name:	REE Midwest, Inc.
Licensee Address:	1742 Crooks Rd Troy, MI 48084
Licensee Telephone #:	(248) 519-1930
Administrator:	Amy Arena, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Amy Arena, Designee
Name of Facility:	Rainbow Child Development Center-Okemos
Facility Address:	3682 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48864
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 347-1919
Original Issuance Date:	04/14/2008
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	10/10/2020
Expiration Date:	10/09/2022
Capacity:	108
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child A (4-year-old male) ran out of the classroom and into a hall bathroom where he was unattended for approximately 2 minutes and 30 seconds while staff looked for him in and outside of the building.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

06/08/2021	Special Investigation Intake 2021D0428007
06/14/2021	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site From 11:50 AM to 12:33 PM. Interviewed program director Christina Alighire and staff member Liberty Rocheleau.
06/18/2021	Contact - Telephone call made Child A's Mother
06/18/2021	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
06/14/2021	Exit Conference with program director Christina Alighire

ALLEGATION: Child A (4-year-old male) ran out of the classroom and into a hall bathroom where he was unattended for approximately 2 minutes and 30 seconds while staff looked for him in and outside of the building.

INVESTIGATION: Program director Christina Alighire reported to the department that Child A was unattended in a hall bathroom after he ran from his classroom and was unable to be located for approximately 2 minutes and 30 seconds. The incident occurred on June 2, 2021, and was reported timely to the department on June 2, 2021, by an incident report submitted by email.

During the onsite inspection on June 14, 2021, Ms. Alighire stated that Child A is known to have outbursts of anger. Child care staff member Liberty Rocheleau reported to her that prior to running from the room there was an incident between Child A and another child in the classroom. Ms. Rocheleau was the only child care staff member in the classroom with eight children ranging in age from 3 to 5 years old. After Ms. Rocheleau helped Child A calm down, she went to the other side of the room and Child A ran out of the door. By the time that Ms. Rocheleau made it to the door she did not see Child A. Ms. Alighire stated that Ms. Rocheleau contacted her to let her know that Child A ran from the room, and she did not see where he

went. Ms. Alighire first began to look outside the building walking around the entire building looking for Child A. When she did not find Child A outside, she returned inside the center and began to look around in the building. Ms. Alighire stated that she knocked on the hall bathroom door located directly across from Child A's classroom which was locked and then heard Child A giggling. Ms. Alighire asked Child A to unlock the bathroom door which he did. Ms. Alighire stated that she notified Child A's Mother about the incident as soon as he was found. She stated that the entire incident from the time that Ms. Rocheleau called her lasted no more than 2 ½ minutes. Child A remained with her until he was picked up. Ms. Alighire stated that this is not the first time Child A has run out of the classroom, however the first time she was in the hall and followed him as he ran outside of the building. After Child A ran out of the classroom the first time, Ms. Alighire informed Child A's Mother that if he continued to run out of the classroom, he would need a support aid. After this incident Child A's Mother was informed that Child A would need a support aid if he was to return to the center. Ms. Alighire stated that she was willing to assist Child A's Mother with obtaining a support aid for Child A, however Child A's Mother was not willing to provide a support aid for Child A, so Child A will not be returning to the center.

Child care staff member Liberty Rocheleau stated that on June 2, 2021, she was working alone in the classroom with eight preschool children. Child A brought a toy from home, and he became upset when another child found it. Ms. Rocheleau took Child A to an area of the room to calm down. Child A became calm and started playing. Ms. Rocheleau then returned to the other children. When she turned around to look at Child A, he was running out of the classroom door. Ms. Rocheleau stated that she is wearing a brace due to a foot injury, so she was not able to run after Child A. By the time she got to the door she didn't see Child A. Ms. Rocheleau called program director Christina Alighire on the telephone because she did not want to leave the children in the classroom unattended, to let her know Child A ran off. Ms. Rocheleau then took the children in the class to another classroom and began looking for Child A inside the center while Ms. Alighire looked for him outside. Ms. Rocheleau stated that she tried to open the hall bathroom door, but it was locked. She called out for Child A, but he did not answer so she continued looking elsewhere in the center. After Ms. Alighire finished looking outside the building she came back in and went to the bathroom door and knocked. This time Child A laughed, and Ms. Alighire asked him to unlock the door. Child A unlocked the door and came out of the bathroom and went with Ms. Alighire. Ms. Rocheleau stated that the entire incident took between two and three minutes. Child A's Mother was upset at pick up because she was informed that Child A could not return to the center without a paraprofessional because he keeps running out of the classroom.

Child A's mother stated that program director Christina Alighire contacted her to let her know that Child A left the classroom and went to the bathroom in the hall, and nobody noticed. She stated that Ms. Alighire looked for Child A outside but all along he was inside the restroom. Ms. Alighire told Child A's Mother that they feel that Child A's behavior is a safety concern, and they want him to have one to one care

which she somewhat understands. Child A's Mother stated that Child A has been having behavior problems for the last three to four months and she believes it is because of the chaos at the center. She stated that the center is short staffed, so the director works in a classroom. Child A's Mother stated that this is the third time Child A has left the classroom, but he was never unattended the other times. Child A's Mother stated that Ms. Alighire is new to the center, and she doesn't believe that she was there all of the times that Child A left the room. Child A's Mother stated that she is not comfortable with center anymore because it is so chaotic being that there is not enough staff so she's fine with Child A leaving.

During the exit conference with program director Christina Alighire, I provided consultation regarding properly caring for and supervising a child that is known to run from the classroom. I advised Ms. Alighire that Ms. Rocheleau and other child care staff members should provide direct supervision at all times to prevent children from leaving the room.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8125	Staff; volunteer; requirements.
	(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	Child care staff member Liberty Rocheleau did not provide appropriate care and supervision when Child A, ran out of the classroom and into the bathroom across the hall where he was unattended for approximately 2 to 3 minutes.
CONCLUSION:	<p>REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED SIR 2019D0105014 Dated 06/27/2019 Corrective Action Plan Dated 07/15/2019</p> <p>REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED SIR 2019D0105015 Dated 06/27/2019 Corrective Action Plan Dated 07/22/2019</p> <p>REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED SIR 2019D0105016 Dated 06/27/2019 Corrective Action Plan Dated 07/22/2019</p> <p>REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED SIR 2021D0185006 Dated 05/26/2021 Corrective Action Plan Dated 05/27/2021</p>

