

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU

In the matter of

License #: DF080401045
SIR #: 2021D0206014

Jennifer Kruisenga

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**Pursuant to the Child Protection Law, MCL 722.627(2),
the information contained in this Notice of Intent is CONFIDENTIAL.**

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSE

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, by Division Director Erika Bigelow and Bureau Director Emily Laidlaw, Child Care Licensing Bureau, hereafter referred to as “the Bureau,” orders the summary suspension and provides notice of the intent to revoke the license of Licensee, Jennifer Kruisenga, to operate a family child care home pursuant to the authority of the Child Care Organizations Act, 1973 PA 116, as amended, MCL 722.111 et seq., for the following reasons:

1. On or about November 19, 2019, Licensee was issued a license to operate a family child care home with a licensed capacity of six at 10698 Finkbeiner Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333.
2. Prior to the issuance of the license, and during subsequent modifications of the statutes and rules, Licensee received copies of the Child Care Organizations Act, the licensing rule book for family and group child care homes, and the Child

Protection Law. These rules and statutes are posted and available for download at www.michigan.gov/lara.

3. Licensee failed to provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times and is not conducive to the welfare of children. Specifically:
 - a. On the morning of August 30, 2021, Licensee was caring for Child A (age 4 years), Child B (age 3 years), and Child D (age 23 months) in the outdoor play area.
 - b. On August 30, 2021, Licensee took Child D inside the home to change ■■■■■ diaper and put ■■■■■ down for nap. She left Child A and Child B outside unsupervised.
 - c. On August 30, 2021, Child A and Child B left the outdoor play area and started walking down Finkbeiner Road, the road in front of Licensee's home.
 - d. On August 30, 2021, after placing Child D down for a nap, Licensee returned outside and found that Child A and Child B were missing. Licensee searched the backyard area, inside the home, near the barn, and around the perimeter of the home. After she was unable to locate the children, she got in her vehicle and headed east down Finkbeiner Road, leaving Child D in the home unsupervised.
 - e. On August 30, 2021, at approximately 10:37 a.m., a passerby observed Child A and Child B walking down Finkbeiner Road without supervision, almost one quarter of a mile west of Licensee's home. The passerby

called 911, and a Barry County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the location.

- f. On August 30, 2021, before the deputy arrived on scene, Licensee arrived in her vehicle, retrieved Child A and Child B, and returned them to her home.
 - g. On September 2, 2021, Licensing Consultant Sean Shankin, accompanied by [REDACTED], conducted an on-site investigation at Licensee's home. During the on-site visit, Licensee admitted to leaving Child A and Child B outside unsupervised on August 30, 2021. Licensee acknowledged that it was common practice for her to leave children outside unattended if she had to go into the house to change a child's diaper, to put a child down for a nap, or to use the bathroom.
 - h. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. Licensee failed to properly restrain children while transporting them in her vehicle. On August 30, 2021, when Licensee located Child A and Child B on Finkbeiner Road, she drove them back to her home without first placing them in age-appropriate car seats.
5. Licensee failed to notify the Bureau within 24 hours after children were left unsupervised. During an interview with Mr. Shankin on September 1, 2021, Licensee acknowledged to not making a verbal report of the incident to the Bureau within 24 hours.

COUNT I

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraph 3(h) above, provides grounds for revocation of licensure pursuant to:

[REDACTED]

[Note: MCL 722.111(1)(a) defines a “child care organization” to include “child care homes.”]

COUNT II

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraphs 3(a) through 3(g) and 4 above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1911

(1) A licensee shall ensure appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

COUNT III

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraphs 3(a) through 3(h) above provides grounds for revocation pursuant to:

MCL 722.115m

(2) ...If the department determines that a service, facility, applicant, licensee, child care staff member, or member of the household is not conducive to the welfare of the children, the department shall deny that application or revoke that licensee's license according to section 11.

**NOTE:
MCL 722.115m**

(13) As used in this section:

(b) "Conducive to the welfare of the children" means:

(i) The service and facility comply with this act and the administrative rules promulgated under this act.

(ii) The disposition, temperament, condition, and action of the applicant, licensee, licensee designee, program director, child care staff member, and member of the household promote the safety and well-being of the children served.

COUNT IV

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraph 3(h) above, provides grounds for revocation pursuant to:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COUNT V

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraph 4 above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1951

(7) Each child transported shall remain seated and properly restrained by a child passenger restraint device appropriate for his or her age. The manufacturer's rated seating capacity for the vehicle must not be exceeded.

COUNT VI

The conduct of Licensee, as set forth in paragraph 5 above, evidences a willful and substantial violation of:

R 400.1962

(1) A licensee shall make a verbal or email report to the department within 24 hours of the occurrence of any of the following:
(a) A child is lost or left unsupervised.

DUE TO THE serious nature of the above violations and the potential risk it represents to vulnerable children in Licensee's care, emergency action is required. Therefore the provision of MCL 24.292 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, as amended, is invoked. Licensee is hereby notified that the license to operate a family child care home is summarily suspended.


EFFECTIVE 6:00 p.m., on October 11, 2021, Licensee is ordered not to operate a family child care home at 10698 Finkbeiner Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333, or at any other location or address. Licensee is not to receive children for care after that time or date. Licensee is responsible for informing parents or guardians of children in care that license has been suspended and that Licensee can no longer provide care.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE Department has summarily suspended Licensee's license, an administrative hearing will be promptly scheduled before an administrative law judge. Licensee MUST NOTIFY the Department and the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules in writing within seven calendar days after receipt of this Notice if Licensee wishes to appeal the summary suspension and attend the administrative hearing. The written request must be submitted via MAIL or FAX to:

Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules
611 West Ottawa Street, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 30695
Lansing, Michigan 48909-2484
Phone: 517-335-7519
FAX: 517-763-0155

MCL 24.272 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969 permits the Department to proceed with the administrative hearing even if Licensee does not appear. Licensee may be represented by an attorney at the administrative hearing.

10/11/2021
DATED:


Erika Bigelow, Division Director
Child Care Licensing Bureau

DATED: 10/11/21



Emily Laidlaw, Director
Child Care Licensing Bureau

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Intent was personally served upon the person below on ___/___/_____ at ___:___ a.m. or p.m.

Jennifer Kruisenga
10698 Finkbeiner Rd.
Middleville, MI 49333

Served by:

Child Care Licensing Consultant
Child Care Licensing Bureau