



**Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Child Care Services**

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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Comes Now, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services on this 21st day of April 2022 and, pursuant to Title 10 § 407 (C), hereby issues this Notice of Emergency Closure directing, **Community Kids Learning Center, K830052366, to immediately cease care of children and to return physical custody of said children to their parents or legal guardians.**

The Department of Human Services finds that an emergency exists which requires immediate action to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children in the care of the **Community Kids Learning Center, License # K830052366, located at 1201 SW 27th Street, El Reno, Oklahoma 73036, in Canadian County.** This agency notice of closure is based upon the following information:

OAC 340:110-3-276. Necessity, issuance, and maintenance of a permit or license

(a) General.

(2) Access. Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) staff have access to the entire facility.

(3) Cooperation. Personnel cooperate with DHS staff.

(b) Permit or license necessity.

(1) Required. A program does not operate after June 30, 1964, unless authorized by Licensing per Section 401 et seq. of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes (10 O.S. 401 et seq.), the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

On February 15, 2022, you sent a text message to Licensing Specialist Tosha Byrd stating you were notifying DHS that our organization is no longer allowed on the church's property. Since that date, multiple attempts have been made to discuss with you possible exemptions for your program which would not require your program to be licensed. On March 31, 2022, Licensing attempted to make a monitoring visit to your facility, and were told to leave the premises. On April 1, 2022, Licensing Supervisor Candi Mathis spoke with you, and again, you told Licensing that they are not allowed on your premises. On April 19, 2022, Licensing received a letter from your attorney with your signed statement attached that your program does not meet any exemption outlined in Oklahoma statutes and Community Kids would be continuing to operate as you always have. You have failed to cooperate with DHS in allowing Licensing staff to have access to your facility.

"Assuring Oklahoma's families have access to licensed, affordable, quality child care"

The Department of Human Services finds that it is necessary to **IMMEDIATELY CLOSE THE FACILITY AND RETURN CHILDREN IN CARE TO THEIR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**. The child care facility has the right to request a hearing regarding this Notice of Emergency Closure, pursuant to Title 10 O.S. § 407 (C) (2)(a). Said request must be made in writing within ten days of receipt to: Kristi Simpson, Licensing Coordinator, Oklahoma Child Care Services, P.O. Box 25352, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125 or delivered to the office of the Oklahoma Child Care Services in the Sequoyah Building, State Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 521-2152. A hearing shall be afforded within ten days of receipt of the written request.

Community Kids Learning Center, K830052366, is hereby **PROHIBITED FROM PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN AT ANY LOCATION**, pending a hearing on this matter. This emergency order of closure shall be effective immediately.

Carole Turner

Carole Turner, Assistant Licensing Coordinator
Child Care Services