



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
12/29/2021

DVN
001973904

FACILITY NAME

VICKY'S KID KORNER, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

6321 CEDAR AVE

CITY

RAYTOWN

ZIP CODE

64133-5146

PHONE NUMBER

(816) 655-8171

COUNTY

JACKSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

BARTON, JANA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.090(1)(A)

The facility shall develop, implement, and maintain policies and procedures for responding to a disaster emergency, including a written plan for:

5 CSR 25-500.090(1)(A)2.

Evacuation from the facility in the event of a disaster or an emergency that could cause damage to the facility or pose a hazard to the staff and children;

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(B)

The premises shall conform to the fire and safety requirements of the State Fire Marshal or his/her designee and requirements for state or local zoning, building and sanitation.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jana Barton conducted an unannounced investigation of the allegation that there were gas leaks in the piping near the furnace and carbon monoxide in the facility. The allegation is substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(B): The premises shall conform to the fire and safety requirements of the State Fire Marshal or his/her designee and requirements for state or local zoning, building and sanitation.

On December 29, 2022, CI Barton spoke with Paul Dickman, State Fire Inspector, who stated that he was at Vicky's Kid Korner, LLC today to conduct their annual fire inspection. During the inspection, it was determined that there was a gas leak. Vicky Johnson, Director and Managing Member, and all children present were evacuated from the building. Vicky Johnson notified parents that the center would be closed until repairs had been made.

CI Barton spoke with Paul Dickman on January 7, 2022. He stated that he returned to the center for reinspection. CO level was at 0 ppm. The flue pipe and gas valve are new with receipt from HVAC repair and all repairs were observed to have been completed. The gas meter had been reconnected by Spire prior to his inspection. It is okay for the center to reopen; however, the fire inspection was not approved as there were still some violations that must be corrected.

CI Barton reviewed fire inspections dated December 29, 2021 and January 7, 2022. Both inspections were not approved.

5 CSR 25-500.090(1)(A): The facility shall develop, implement, and maintain policies and procedures for responding to a disaster emergency, including a written plan for:

5 CSR 25-500.090(1)(A)2.: Evacuation from the facility in the event of a disaster or an emergency that could cause damage to the facility or pose a hazard to the staff and children;

On August 8, 2022, Vicky Johnson provided a copy of the center's Emergency Preparedness Plan. CI Barton reviewed the Emergency Preparedness Plan. It lists Raytown Water Department as the first evacuation site and Mid-Continent Public Library as the second evacuation site. On December 29, 2021, State Fire Inspector Paul Dickman stated that when the building was evacuated for a gas leak, Vicky Johnson and five or six children who were present waited in Vicky Johnson's car for parents to pick up the children. On December 30, 2021, Vicky Johnson confirmed that she and the children were evacuated from the

building the day prior and that they waited in her car for parents to pick up.

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(A)

The premises shall be safe and suitable for the care of children.

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(B)

The premises shall conform to the fire and safety requirements of the State Fire Marshal or his/her designee and requirements for state or local zoning, building and sanitation.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jana Barton conducted an unannounced investigation of the allegation that the facility has a hoarding issue as there is junk piled up all over the facility which has caused the facility to have a high fuel load and would cause a fire to spread quickly.

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(B): The premises shall conform to the fire and safety requirements of the State Fire Marshal or his/her designee and requirements for state or local zoning, building and sanitation.

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(A): The premises shall be safe and suitable for the care of children.

On December 29, 2022, CI Barton spoke with Paul Dickman, State Fire Inspector, who stated that he was at Vicky's Kid Korner, LLC today to conduct their annual fire inspection. During the inspection, he observed that the center has what appears to be a "hoarding issue" and that he is concerned about an excessive amount of combustible materials throughout the center. Most of the materials were school items and toys. There is "floor-to-ceiling junk" stored for the daycare near the furnace and electrical panel. The fire inspection was not approved during this inspection.

CI Barton spoke with Paul Dickman on January 7, 2022. He stated that he returned to the center for reinspection and the fire inspection was not approved as there were still some violations that must be corrected.

CI Barton conducted an unannounced walk-through of the facility on January 14, 2022. An excess amount of child care materials was observed in all areas of the center. The materials included papers, books, toys, and other child care equipment and teaching materials. The materials did not appear to be junk, rather child care materials that were in good condition and usable. Vicky Johnson stated that she closed another child care center and that she moved those materials and equipment to this center.

CI Barton reviewed fire inspections dated December 29, 2021 and January 7, 2022, and neither inspection was approved.

CI Barton received an email from Paul Dickman on May 25, 2022 stating that the facility was still not in compliance with fire regulations.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Vicky's Kid Korner, LLC shall submit to the Office of Childhood an approved fire inspection.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

11/7/2022

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

Vicky's Kid Korner, LLC shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding disaster and emergency preparedness. This shall include a review of the facility's disaster and emergency plan. The facility must provide the Office of Childhood with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

11/21/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/3/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A