



Oklahoma Department of Human Services
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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Comes Now, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services on this 15th day of September, 2009 and, pursuant to Title 10 § 407 (C), hereby issues this Notice of Emergency Closure directing **Vickie Thompson to immediately cease care of children today 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 care at the **Vickie Thompson Large Family Child Care Home, License # K820044605, located at 10100 Donna Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73162, Oklahoma County.** This agency notice of closure is based upon the following information:

OAC 340:110-3-84 Ages and number of children

(a) Total number of children. The maximum number of children in care at one time, whether on or off the premises, does not exceed the number of children specified on the license.

OAC 340:110-3-97.1 Requirements for Large Family Child Care Homes

(d) Capacity. Large family child care homes are required to meet the rules found in Section 84(a), except the total number of children in care in a large family child care home is limited to 12.

(f) The number of caregivers required in a large family child care home is:

- (1) One caregiver. One caregiver may care for:
(F) up to ten children, if the children are four years of age and older**
- (2) Two caregivers. Two caregivers may care for:
(B) up to twelve children, with no more than six children younger than two years of age.**

During a monitoring visit made to your home on September 11, 2009, Licensing observed thirteen children in care. This number exceeded your licensed capacity of 12. Also on monitoring visits made to your home on September 11, 2009 and September 14, 2009, licensing documented and observed your home to be understaffed. On September 11, 2009, there were 13 children in care with two caregivers. On September 14, 2009, Licensing observed one caregiver caring for 10 children, of which nine were under the age of four.

OAC 340:110-3-85 Requirements of caregivers.

(a) Responsibilities of caregivers

(2) Care and supervision. The caregiver provides care and supervision of children at all times, both indoors and outdoors. Supervision of children means observing, overseeing, and guiding a child or group of children including:

(A) awareness of and responsibility for the ongoing activity of each child and being near enough to intervene if needed.

At the monitoring visit of September 11, 2009, a child was observed to be unsupervised, sitting in a dark garage, in the back seat of a vehicle. Additionally, a 12 year old child was allowed to supervise a younger child when you sent the older child to walk the younger child from the bus stop which is located down the street.

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: Janice Matthews, 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.

Vickie Thompson, K820044605 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
Assistant Licensing Coordinator
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September 15, 2009

Dear Parents of Children Attending the Vickie Thompson Large Family Child Care Home:

This is to notify you that the Vickie Thompson Large Family Child Care Home has been issued an

**EMERGENCY ORDER OF CLOSURE
ALL CHILD CARE MUST CEASE
IMMEDIATELY**

The licensure of child care facilities reflects the state's commitment to the protection of children in care outside their homes. Licensure is based upon compliance with minimum requirements that address the health, safety and well-being of children in care. The Vickie Thompson Large Family Child Care Home has failed to comply with these requirements. Licensing records for all child care facilities are open for public review and may be reviewed by appointment at the appropriate DHS county office.

OKDHS recognizes the inconvenience that the action regarding this program may cause you. For assistance in locating other child care programs, you may contact Licensing Specialist Jennifer King or the local Resource and Referral Center at 1-405-525-3111.

If you have any questions regarding the status of the program, Licensing Specialist Jennifer King of the Oklahoma County DHS office may be reached at (405)767-2650. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carole Turner'.

Carole Turner
Assistant Licensing Coordinator
Oklahoma Child Care Services

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