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Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth  
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Re: Brandon Jones Family Child Care Home, Del City, Oklahoma  
OKDHS K8238998  
OJSO COM-6076-10

Dear Ms. Vincent:

This letter is in response to report number 6076-10 dated May 24, 2010.

In addition to ensuring the maintenance of minimum standards for the care and protection of children away from their own homes, the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act requires Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) to encourage and assist the child care facility in attaining maximum standards.

Information contained in your report is not confidential; however OCCS would dispute the inclusion of your interview with the City of Del City Planner as his comments regarding OCCS were strictly his opinion and not based on documentation or facts.

Regarding your concerns:

Mr. Jones was licensed to operate a family child care home (FCCH) that he did not own or reside in.

It is not currently a licensing requirement that a licensee own or reside in the family child care home location. If this requirement were to be added, that would be at the discretion of the Child Care Advisory Committee and the revision subcommittee appointed by that Committee.

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Sharyle Jones was allowed to voluntarily close her FCCH in 2005 and voluntarily withdraw her application in 2006 in lieu of negative sanction.

Although this is no longer common practice for OCCS, policy does allow this option in OAC 340:110-1-9.3(d)(12) as a case management response to non-compliant facilities.

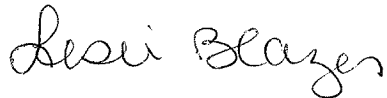
OCCS did not follow up on concern and suspicion that Sharyle Jones was the primary caregiver.

OCCS did follow up on this concern. If Mr. Jones was not present when OCCS arrived at the family child care home, he always arrived shortly after. He signed every monitoring report. Mr. Jones was often reported as running errands, providing transportation, or conducting other business for the family child care home. OCCS interviewed parents who indicated that Mr. Jones was present and providing care.

OCCS did not revoke until the City of Del City condemned the property.

OCCS had concerns and documented areas of non compliance regarding the state of disrepair at the family child care home. The City of Del City condemned the property for structural and electrical issues that OCCS staff are not trained to identify or inspect. When OCCS was made aware of the unsafe condition of the home and potential health and safety risk to children, Mr. Jones was asked to cease care. Upon review of the entire case history, a decision was made at that time to recommend revocation of Mr. Jones' license.

Sincerely,



Lesli Blazer  
Director