MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
SECTION FOR CHILD CARE REGULATION

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
8/1/2016

DVN
002604220

FACILITY NAME
KANDI LAND ACADEMY, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS
6201 PAGE AVE

CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER	COUNTY
ST LOUIS	63133-2027	(314) 725-2034	ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST
CHRISCO, MARLA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(A)

Day care personnel shall be of good character and intent and shall be qualified to provide care conducive to the welfare of children.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(D)

Caregivers shall be capable of carrying out assigned responsibilities and shall be willing and able to accept training and supervision.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(E)

Caregivers shall have knowledge of the needs of children and shall be sensitive to the capabilities, interests and problems of children in care.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C)

Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

19 CSR 30-62.212 (1)(B)

Written parental consent shall be on file at the facility for field trips and transportation.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Based on the investigation, the allegation that on July 30, 2016, caregiver Lamonica Simmons took Child A from the center without Parent A's permission and was not at the facility when Parent A tried to pick up Child A at approximately 10:15 p.m. because Ms. Lamonica went looking for her own son who she thought was involved in a shooting, is substantiated.

On August 1, 2016, Parent A stated that on July 30, 2016, she went to pick up Child A at about 10:15 p.m. When she arrived at the center, the center was dark, no one was there and the door was locked. She tried to call the number to the center and Sherri Neal's (one of the LLC's Managing Members) cell phone number. No one answered either number. She then called the police and they arrived around 10:30 p.m. Ms. Sherri finally answered when the police called her. Around midnight, Lamonica Simmons finally came walking up from a back alley with Child A. Ms. Lamonica said that someone else was driving a car and dropped them off at the center in the back alley. She did not leave the center a car seat for Child A and she did not give written permission for the center to transport Child A at any time.

On August 1, 2016, caregiver Lamonica Simmons stated that on Saturday, July 30, 2016, she was working at the center when around 7:00 p.m., her son called her and said he was locked out of the house. She told her son to come up to the center and get the key but he never came so she began to worry. Around 9:00 p.m., a family member called her and told her about a shooting in the area. She became more worried, so her friend, Tonya Jackson came to the center and picked her up. Child A was the only child left at the center so she took Child A with her. They drove to her home at 1865 James Harvey Lane, St. Louis, MO. 63113. No one was there so they drove around a little bit trying to find her son. Around 10:00 p.m., she got a call that someone found her son. Her friend then drove her and Child A back to the center. The police and Parent A were at the center and she gave Child A back to Parent A. She now feels it was wrong to take Child A from the center but she was worried about her son.

On August 1, 2016, LLC Managing Member Sherri Neal stated that she was working on Saturday, July 30, 2016. She cannot remember what time exactly she left but Ms. Lamonica and herself were working the evening shift and she left Ms. Lamonica in charge when Child A was the only child left. Sometime that same evening, around 10:00 p.m., another owner called her to go back to the center because Ms. Lamonica had left the center with Child A and Parent A came to pick up Child A and no

one was at the facility so Parent A called the police. She rushed back up to the center and Ms. Lamonica was back at the center with Child A. She thinks the police arrived about 10:30 p.m. or so. What Ms. Lamonica did was not acceptable so she fired Ms. Lamonica on the spot.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
	No	

DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION DATE
SUBSTANTIATED	12/30/2016

APPROVING SUPERVISOR
AHLEMEYER, CARON