



At that point, Mr. McNeal, Ms. Chiafos, and myself walked across the street to the Marion Independent School District administrative offices. We met with the Marion Independent School District superintendent Sarah Pinon. We discussed that the program either needs to relocate on warm days or close. We discussed the program's liability related to staying open given the heat. An emergency plan was put into place that on days when school was dismissing early due to heat, children enrolled at Kids Inc - Starry would be transported (by school buses) to Vernon Middle School (which is air conditioned). There would be a period of about 30 minutes in which the children would gather after school in the Starry Elementary gymnasium in order for staff to take attendance and for families that are able to pick up immediately afterschool. We discussed that staff would take emergency supplies with them when they relocate (snack, first-aid kit, rescue medication, emergency numbers, etc.).

While all present together, we also discussed the Kids Inc. - Emerson site and the Kids Inc. - FMI site. When school is dismissing early due to heat, children and staff at Kids Inc. - Emerson will do an emergency relocation to the library (the only air conditioned room in that building). When school is dismissing early due to heat, children and staff at Kids Inc. - FMI will do an emergency relocation to the music room (the only air conditioned room in that building). We discussed how these rooms may be a "tight" fit. We discussed how all parents should be encouraged to pick up as early (by way of email or phone call) as the program would be using their emergency plan. We also discussed the need to come up with a permanent plan to provide a cool site for these children in the summer.

**Special Notes and Action Required:**

It is important to note, a valid complaint report dated 7/16/2013 also found rule 109.11(3)a(7) to be out of compliance. At that time, Ms. Chiafos and I discussed the program's plan to relocate to Vernon Middle School when the temperature outside rises above 82 degrees Fahrenheit and the room temperature could not be cooled to between 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit. It is unclear why this plan was not being initiated about a month later when air temperatures again exceeded 90 degrees Fahrenheit (not including the heat index), school was dismissing early due to the heat, and there is a lack of air conditioning throughout the school building. Further valid complaints of this rule, will result in a change in the program's license status.

Please consult with the fire marshal and inform him/her of the program's emergency plan (relocation for each site) for heat (when the temperature outside rises above 82 degrees Fahrenheit and the room temperature cannot not be cooled to between 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit).

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No response is requested to this report.

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**Consultant's Signature:**

**Date:**

08/30/2013

