

COMPLAINT REPORT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1. Name of Complainant _____

Does the complainant wish to remain anonymous? _____

Street Address _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Telephone Number (include area code) _____

2. Name of Facility / Alleged Facility
KIDS HELPING KIDS

Street Address
6070 BRANCH HILL-GUINEA

City, State, and Zip Code
MILFORD, OH 45050 PIKE

Telephone Number (include area code)
(513)-575-7300

Facil. Licensed by State/County Dept. If yes, name department
 Yes No Unknown

3. Date Incident Occurred _____ Time Incident Occurred a.m. p.m. Where Incident Occurred _____

4. Complaint: KIDS HELPING KIDS MAY BE
PLACING CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
SITUATIONS. CLIENTS ARE PLACED IN
HOST HOMES. THIS IS NOT PERMITTED PER
5103.02

5. List names of individuals involved (identify as staff, resident, child, etc.): _____

6. Has complainant talked with anyone involved in the incident about his/her complaint? Yes No If yes, indicate with whom: SEE ABOVE

7. Has complainant reported complaint to anyone else? Yes No If yes, indicate to whom: LICENSING SECTION.

8. Complaint Received By: [Signature] Date: 12-4-00
Department: ODJFS. Telephone Number: (513) 852-337

Instructions for Telephone Complaints - Be sure that the caller has your name, address, and telephone number, and give them the toll-free number (1-800-686-1581) ext. 6-3438 for central office along with the name of your supervisor.

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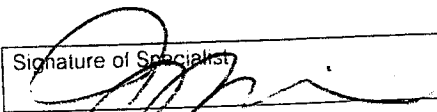
Date Complaint Received
12-4-00

Name of Facility/Individual About Whom Complaint was Made
KIDS HELPING KIDS
Street Address
6070 BRANCH HILL-GUINEA PIKE
City, State, and Zip Code
MILFORD, OHIO 45050

Summary of investigative action taken by specialist. Indicate time-frame followed: I CONTACTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON 12-11-00.

Was any rule noncompliance found? Yes No If yes, briefly explain findings:
IT WAS DETERMINED THE AGENCY SHOULD BE LICENSED BY ODJFS TO RECOMMEND FOSTER HOMES.

Disposition of complaint. What final action was taken by department and by party against whom complaint was made?
THE AGENCY APPLIED ~~FOR~~ TO ODJFS ON 4-10-01.

Signature of Specialist

Date of Signature
4-13-01

Investigative action and disposition approval:
Signature of Supervisor Indicating Approval
Robert Bullock
Date of Signature
4/13/01

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COMPLAINT #25000-KIDS HELPING KIDS, INC.
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

In the beginning of October, Marlene Preston-Rombach (TAS), gave me a copy of a letter from Clermont County DJFS alleging physical abuse of a child at the Kids Helping Kids (KHK) facility. The agency operates a day treatment program and does not operate a residential facility. (Please see letter dated 9-20-00 from CCDJFS).

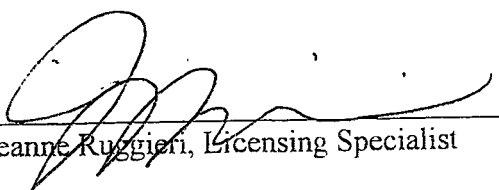
On 10-31-00 I spoke to the Executive Director of KHK, Penny Walker, regarding the allegations. She confirmed there were no residents living at the facility but they are assisting families in placing their children in host homes. The agency provides services to families whose children suffer from chemical dependency. Per Ms. Walker, the family hosts a child in their home for usually more than two weeks. I informed Ms. Walker I would ask for clarification at the next the licensing staff meeting to determine if the host homes would need to be licensed.

At the 11-1-00 licensing staff meeting, the situation was discussed. According to 5103.02 the agency would need to be licensed. I should log KHK as a complaint of an alleged operation.

On 12-4-00 I informed Ms. Walker their agency would need to be licensed to act as an agent to recommend foster homes per 5103.02. I sent the agency an alleged operations letter on 12-11-00. Penny contacted me on 12-13-00 stating their agency was certified through ODADAS and she would send information specific to programs. I received the information from KHK on 12-14-00.

On 1-29-01 I had a conference call with Bonnie Clevenger (attorney with the AG's office) and Children Services Licensing Section Chief Bob Bielecki. Bonnie stated that 2151.11 requires a home to be licensed if they are "a private residence in which children are received apart from their parents, guardian or legal custodian by an individual for hire gain or reward for nonsecure care, supervision or training 24 hours a day." Since the host homes are getting paid they would be considered foster parents.

Per their request I sent Kids Helping Kids an application on 1-30-01. Their application was received on 4-11-01. As a result of the agency submitting an application, the complaint was closed on 4-13-01.



Jeanne Ruggieri, Licensing Specialist

4-13-01
Date