

Judge taking a month to rule on Kindertown's future

Kindertown Day Care will remain closed as El Dorado County Superior Court Judge Warren Stracener reviews charge brought against the South Lake Tahoe center by the state.

At a hearing last week in Placerville that was attended by supporters of day care owner Maria Barrows-Crist, Stracener said he would have a decision in a month.

Kindertown was closed earlier this month after the state Department of Social Services went to the appellate court.

Barrows-Crist represented herself in court.

"I correct every citation I get. Then they pile them together and use them against me. I feel like it's double jeopardy," Barrows-Crist told *Lake Tahoe News*. "I feel horribly discriminated against."

The state does not return phone calls.

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