



BRIGHT FROM THE START
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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COMMISSIONER

January 14, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL #7012 0470 0000 3550 6651 AND REGULAR MAIL

Ms. Beverly A. Dumas
Family Day Care Provider
32 Bimini Court
Savannah, Georgia 31419

RE: Notice of Revocation

Dear Ms. Dumas:

Several attempts were made to visit your family day care home located at 32 Bimini Court, Savannah, Georgia 31419 during business hours. Attempts to gain access to the home were unsuccessful on October 12, 2012, August 24, 2012, August 10, 2012, May 25, 2012 and April 14, 2012. Several repeated attempts to contact you via telephone, regular mail, and e-mail were also unsuccessful. At no time have you notified the Department that you have ceased to care for children at the licensed location.

The rule for which you are being cited is marked as Exhibit "A" and the October 12, 2012, August 24, 2012, May 25, 2012 and April 14, 2012 attempted visit letters and contact sheets/e-mails are marked as Exhibits "B", "C", "D" and "E" and "F" respectively, and are incorporated in this Notice by reference.

Based on your noncompliance with the rules for family day care homes, specifically your failure to notify Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) of a change in child care provider status, failure to respond to all attempts to communicate with you and further failure to allow access to the home, your registration to operate a family day care home is invalid and you are hereby notified that your Certificate of Registration to operate a family day care home is hereby revoked. Bright from the Start's legal authority for revoking the registration is found in O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-10(p), Section 20-1A-10(t) and Section 20-1A-12(c)(5) and Bright from the Start's Rules for Family Day Care Homes, Chapter 290-2-3 of the Official Compilation of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 20-1A-10(o), this revocation becomes effective thirty (30) days from receipt of this Notice. You have the right to appeal the decision to revoke your registration to operate by filing a written request for an administrative hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the Office of State Administrative Hearings. The request must be made in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of this Notice and addressed to:

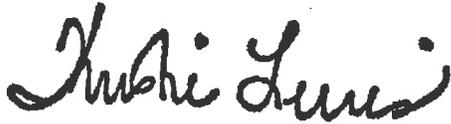
Ira Sudman
Chief Legal Officer
Bright from the Start
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive SE, 754 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

A hearing request stays or suspends the revocation.

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If you do not appeal this action within ten (10) days of receipt of this Notice, the decision to revoke your registration will be final. Revocation of your certificate of registration may impact your participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Child and Parent Services (CAPS) subsidized child care program. Licensure staff will conduct a follow-up visit to verify closure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristie Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristie Lewis
Child Care Services Director

Attachments

cc: Kay Hellwig
Ira Sudman
Kristie Lewis
Glenda McMillan
Mireille Emanuels
Candy Prince
Sherry Smith
Jennifer Bridgeman
Sarah Benton
State File

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Rule Violation for:

Ms. Beverly A. Dumas
32 Bimini Court
Savannah, Georgia 31419

Rule 290-2-3-.05(b) states that failure to allow access of the department's representative to the home, its staff, or the children receiving care at the home or the books, records, papers or other information related to initial or continued registration, or failure to cooperate with a departmental inspection or investigation shall constitute good cause for the denial, restriction, revocation or suspension of a registration, or other penalty as provided by law.

Bright from the Start staff attempted visits to the family day care home on October 12, 2012, August 24, 2012, August 10, 2012, May 25, 2012, and April 14, 2012 and were unable to gain access to the home. Repeated attempts to contact the provider via telephone, regular mail, and e-mail were also unsuccessful. At no time has the provider notified the Department she has ceased to care for children at the licensed location.

Based on multiple attempts to contact the provider in person, by postal mail, by telephone and by e-mail and her failure to provide access to the home or respond to all attempts to reach her, the registration to operate is no longer valid and is being revoked.



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COMMISSIONER

October 12, 2012

Ms. Beverly Dumas
32 Bimini Court
Savannah, Georgia 31419

Dear Ms. Dumas:

I attempted to conduct a Monitoring Visit at your home today. As part of the registration requirements, I need to complete a regulatory visit at the registered location. Please contact me at 912-544-9771 within five days to let me know the status of your family day care home. If I am not available to take your call please leave a voice mail with the telephone number where you can be reached and the best time to contact you.

If you are no longer operating and have closed your family day care home business, you should return your current registration along with a statement including the date the business closed and a request for the state file to be closed to:

Sarah Benton
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

If all attempts to contact you fail your Family Day Care Home Registration may be revoked pursuant to the provisions of 290-2-3-.05(a), (b).

You may provide care for two children for pay without a Family Day Care Home Registration. Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-1A-10 et seq. operation of an unregistered child care agency is punishable by law as a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 may be imposed.

Sincerely,

Sarah Benton
Child Care Consultant

cc: State File

EXHIBIT "B"



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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

Bobby Cagle, MSW
COMMISSIONER

August 24, 2012

Ms. Beverly A. Dumas
32 Bimini Court
Savannah, Georgia 31419

Dear Ms. Dumas:

I attempted to conduct a Monitoring Visit at your home today. As part of the registration requirements, I need to complete a regulatory visit at the registered location. Please contact me at 912-544-9771 within five days to let me know the status of your family day care home. If I am not available to take your call please leave a voice mail with the telephone number where you can be reached and the best time to contact you.

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Child Care Consultant

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EXHIBIT "C"



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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

Bobby Cagle, MSW
COMMISSIONER

May 25, 2012

Ms. Beverly A. Dumas
32 Bimini Court
Savannah, Georgia 31419

Dear Ms. Dumas:

I attempted to conduct a Monitoring Visit at your home today. As part of the registration requirements, I need to complete a regulatory visit at the registered location. Please contact me at 912-544-9771 within five days to let me know the status of your family day care home. If I am not available to take your call please leave a voice mail with the telephone number where you can be reached and the best time to contact you.

If you are no longer operating and have closed your family day care home business, you should return your current registration along with a statement including the date the business closed and a request for the state file to be closed to:

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Sarah Benton
Child Care Consultant

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EXHIBIT "D"



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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

Bobby Cagle, MSW
COMMISSIONER

Date: April 4, 2012

To: Ms. Beverly A. Dumas

Address: 32 Birnie Court
Savannah, Georgia 31419

Dear: Ms. Dumas

I attempted to conduct a Licensing Study/ Monitoring Visit at your home today. As part of the registration requirements, I need to complete a regulatory visit at the registered location. Please contact me at 912-544-9771 within five days to let me know the status of your family day care home. If I am not available to take your call please leave a voice mail with the telephone number where you can be reached and the best time to contact you.

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Sincerely,



Child Care Consultant

cc: State File

EXHIBIT "E"

Sarah Benton - visit

From: Sarah Benton
To: beverly dumas
Date: 5/7/2012 7:48 AM
Subject: visit

Ms. Dumas,

I am sorry we have not been able to get in touch with one another. Please give me a call or respond to this email and let me know when a good time and number would be to call you. I would like to touch base about your family day care home.

Thank you,

Sarah

Sarah Benton,
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EXHIBIT "F"

Sarah Benton

From: "zanorprincess@yahoo.com" <zanorprincess@yahoo.com>
To: <sarah.benton@decal.ga.gov>
Date: 5/9/2012 8:52 AM

Good morning Ms. Benton,

I apologize for us not having immediate contact with each other. I will love to speak with you so we may stay updated. I felt so bad when I was told I missed your visit. I never like to put anyone out their way. I usually skip through lunch, but that may be the best time I could reach you. I know in the late afternoon its such a tight squeeze trying to get situated from one place to the next with only about 20 minutes in doing so. I really appreciate your concern and how you reach out. Thanks you for all your help as well.

Thanks,
Beverly Dumas

Sarah Benton - Re:

From: Sarah Benton
To: zanorprincess@yahoo.com
Date: 5/9/2012 9:42 AM
Subject: Re:

Ms. Dumas,

That sounds good. Give me a call if you get a moment at lunch. I will try and answer it if I am not in a center. We need to change the hours of operation for your Family Day Care home as well. Are you currently during overnight care only and working at a different location during the day? Is this the email you wish to for correspondence. I can change it in our system if I need to, just let me know.

Thanks,

Sarah

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>>> "zanorprincess@yahoo.com" <zanorprincess@yahoo.com> 5/9/2012 8:52 AM >>>
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Thanks,
Beverly Dumas

Sarah Benton - please contact

From: Sarah Benton
To: Sarah Benton
Date: 7/6/2012 1:42 PM
Subject: please contact

Good Afternoon,

Please contact me as soon as you are able. I need to touch base with you regarding your family day care home.

Thank you,

Sarah

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Sarah Benton - Re: Beverly Dumas

From: Jennifer Bridgeman
To: Beverly Dumas
Date: 8/30/2012 10:28 PM
Subject: Re: Beverly Dumas
CC: Sarah Benton

Ms. Dumas,
 If you are unable to give us the next three weeks, please let us know what days next week you will not be at home. The other option for you would be to move your license to inactive status - if you are no longer caring for children at this time. However, by doing so we would still need to do a visit in your home. This is of utmost importance in order to continue to receive money from the food program as well as to keep your license. Please let us know about next week.
 Thank you.

Jennifer Bridgeman
 Central Region Director
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>>> Beverly Dumas <missbdumas@gmail.com> 8/30/2012 1:47 PM >>>

Ms. Bridgeman,
 Good afternoon, I will be glad to give you my schedule 3 weeks out in advance, but I'm not able to do that because I do not know my schedule that far in advance. I know Ms. Benton have been trying to come by and I really apologize for the inconvenience this my have caused her. My parents schedule changes every week as well and I work as much around there schedule as much as I can. The last conversation I had with Ms. Benton I've tried to set myself aside from my other work and tried to make myself available around the clock so things could be a little more convenient. But due to financial issues I'm unable to pay my helper including myself to sit in when there are not any children to care for during certain hours or certain days. I do hold another job during the day hours as well just to be able to make ends meet and to be able to also provide care for children who's parent schedule is just so up and down to be able to afford or find childcare to accommodate their needs. My current children now that's enroll are usually in need of evening care then days. I will be sure to get back to you the dates that I know of.
 Again I truly apologize for any confusion and convenience on my part. I appreciate you calling and reaching out to me. Please if there's any advice that you can give to me from experiences in situations like this , I will appreciate it. Also, I will be sure to get right back to you with the dates. Thanks again !

On Aug 30, 2012 11:45 AM, "Jennifer Bridgeman" <Jennifer.Bridgeman@dec.al.ga.gov> wrote:

Ms. Dumas,
 I was attempting to contact you regarding the need for a visit to be conducted at your registered family day care home as soon as possible, in order to keep your license current, both for us and for the food program.

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made by Ms. Benton to conduct visits at your home, and attempts have been made to contact you regarding this. In order to continue operating, we need to ensure that a visit is done at your home. Please let us know of dates that you will not be home in the next three weeks, so that we can ensure that we do not try to make a visit on those dates. Any other dates, we will assume you will be operating.

Please call me back or let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Jennifer Bridgeman

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>>> Beverly Dumas <missbdumas@gmail.com> 8/29/2012 12:15 AM >>>

Hello Ms. Bridgeman,

I'm sorry I miss your call. I did receive your voicemail and I'll be sure to call you in the morning. If you may need me before I can reach please do not hesitate to call or email. I'll speak with you soon. Thanks!