BRIGHT FROM THE START
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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August 21, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7006 2150 0003 5253 9808 REGULAR MAIL & HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Brenda Battle
Family Day Care Home
154-A County Line Road #361
Plains, Georgia 31780

HAND DELIVERED DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

WITNESS: _____

RE: Notice of Revocation

Dear Ms. Battle:

Staff from Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) attempted several visits to your family day care home, located at 154-A County Line Road #361, Plains, Georgia, 31780, during business hours. Attempts to gain access to the home were unsuccessful on December 16, 2013 and March 6, 2014. On March 25, 2014, you notified the Department that you had closed your family daycare home but did not return your registration to the Department as requested. Repeated attempts to contact you via 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.

Based on your noncompliance with the rules for family day care homes, specifically your failure to allow access to the home or return your registration to the Department, your registration to operate a family day care home is invalid and you are 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. Sections 20-1A-1 et seq. 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 Start of Georgia. The rule for which you are being cited is marked as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated in this Notice by reference.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A.10(o), this revocation becomes effective (30) days from receipt of this Notice. You have the right to appeal the decision to revoke your license 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 and addressed to:

Ira Sudman
Interim 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

Your request for hearing must be postmarked within 10 days of your receipt of this Notice. A hearing request stays or suspends the revocation.

If you do not appeal this action within 10 days of this Notice, the decision to revoke your license 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,

Elisabetta Kasfir

Elisabetta Kasfir
Child Care Services Director for Program Operations

Attachments

cc: Kristie Lewis
Ira Sudman
Candy Prince
Leslie Truman
Falita Flowers
Christy McCray
Laura Johns
Pam Stevens
Johnathan Davis
Laura Davis
Rukiya Thomas
State File

Rule Violation for:

Ms. Brenda Battle
154-A County Line Road #361
Plains, Georgia 31780

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 December 16, 2013 and March 6, 2014 were unable to gain access to the home. On March 25, 2014, the provider stated that she had closed her family daycare home but did not return her registration to the Department as requested. Multiple attempts made to contact the provider by regular mail and e-mail were also unsuccessful. On March 25, 2014, the provider stated that she had closed her family daycare home but did not return her registration to the Department as requested.

Based on the provider's failure to provide access to the home or return her registration to the Department, the registration to operate is no longer valid and is being revoked.