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May 2, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL #7007 1490 0002 3524 1849 AND REGULAR MAIL

Ms. Bridgette M. Williams
Family Day Care Home
1035 Franklin Road F02
Marietta, Georgia 30067

RE: Notice of Revocation

Dear Ms. Williams:

On April 8, 2011, the Child Care Services Division of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) concluded its complaint investigation. It was determined that serious rule violations occurred which could seriously affect the health and safety of the children in care and demonstrated the intentional and reckless disregard for the physical and mental health and safety of a child. Specifically, the provider of the family day care home was arrested and charged with Cruelty to Children-1st Degree against an eight-year-old child who resided in the home, resulting in an unsatisfactory criminal records check. The rule violations for which Bright from the Start is basing the revocation are marked as Exhibit "A," which is a flagrant abuse that constitutes shocking intentional misconduct. The letter dated April 4, 2011, advising you that you had an unsatisfactory criminal record determination, and are prohibited from being on the premises of any child care facility is marked as Exhibit "B".

Based on your noncompliance with Rules and Regulations for Family Day Care Homes, you are hereby notified that the registration to operate as a family day care home is hereby revoked. Bright from the Start's legal authority for revoking a license is found in O.C.G.A. Sec. 20-1A-12(b)(3)(5), Sec. 20-1A-12(c)(5), and 20-1A-10(q), and the Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning's Rules for Family Day Care Homes, Chapter 290-2-3 of the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia.

In accordance with O.C.G.A Section 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 a family day care home 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:

J. Ashley Peacock
Chief Legal Officer
Bright from the Start
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
10 Park Place South, S.E., Suite 200
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

A hearing request stays or suspends the revocation.

If you do not appeal this action within ten (10) days of this Notice, the decision to revoke your registration will be final. Licensure staff will conduct a follow-up visit to verify closure.

Sincerely,



Brenda Haynesworth
Child Care Services Director

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Attachment

cc: J. Ashley Peacock
Ira Sudman
Kay Hellwig
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Rule Violation for:
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1. Rule 290-2-3-.04(2)(c)2.(i) Requires that no person having an unsatisfactory determination as to his or her criminal record may be a provider or employee of a home and no adult having an unsatisfactory determination as to his or her criminal record may reside at the home and have contact with the children.

During an investigation, it was determined that the provider of the family day care home had an unsatisfactory criminal record. A review of documents from the Magistrate Court of Cobb County indicated that the provider was charged with Cruelty to Children-1st Degree O.C.G.A. §16-5-70(b) against an eight-year-old child who resided at the family day care home.

The failure of the family day care home to comply with criminal record check requirements could possibly place children at risk of harm.

EXHIBIT "A"
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