BRIGHT FROM THE START
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Ms. Lakeesha Mann
Family Day Care Home
2009 Alaska Street
Savannah, Georgia 31404

RE: Notice of Revocation

Dear Ms. Mann:

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 2009 Alaska Street, Savannah, Georgia 31404 during business hours on June 11, 2014, June 17, 2014 and June 23, 2014. Attempts to gain access to the home were unsuccessful on all dates and attempts to contact you via telephone, mail and email and were also unsuccessful.

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. 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 State 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 within 10 days of receipt of this Notice 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, Georgia 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 Operation

Attachments

cc: Kristie Lewis
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Rule Violation for:

Ms. Lakeesha Mann
2009 Alaska Street
Savannah, Georgia 31404

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 June 11, 2014, June 17, 2014 and June 23, 2014 and were unable to gain access to the home. During the June 23, 2014 visit to your home you indicated that you were not presently caring for children and did not allow Bright from the Start staff access to your home pursuant to the requirements of your license.

Based on multiple attempts to contact the provider in person, email and by telephone and her failure to provide access to the home, the registration to operate is no longer valid and is being revoked.