BRIGHT FROM THE START
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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CERTIFIED MAIL #7014 0150 0001 3052 3185, REGULAR MAIL AND EMAIL

Ms. Roselind Obiekwe
Family Day Care Home
2008 Smithfield Avenue
Ellenwood, Georgia 30294

RE: Notice of Revocation

Dear Ms. Obiekwe:

Staff from Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) attempted to visit your family day care home located at 2008 Smithfield Avenue, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294 during business hours on June 3, 2014. The consultant was unable to gain access to the home on this date, it was observed that the licensed location was vacant and a For Sale sign was in the yard. Attempts to contact you via telephone, email, and regular mail were also unsuccessful. You notified the Department on March 13, 2014 that you were moving from the licensed location. A Family Day Care Home Registration Application Location Change has not been submitted to the Department which is required for you to care for children at another location.

Based on your noncompliance with the rules for family day care homes, specifically your failure to notify 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 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 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 or complete an application for a Relocation Change of address, 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. The revocation process can be stopped by completing an application for a Relocation Change of address. Licensure staff will conduct a follow-up visit to verify closure.

Sincerely,

Elisabetta Kasfir

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Child Care Services Director for Program Operations

Attachments

cc: Kristie Lewis
Ira Sudman
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Rule Violation for:

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Rule 290-2-3-.04(2)(d)2. states that a Registration to operate a Home is not transferable in any way. A change of residence or Provider requires a new Registration. Each Registration shall be returned to the Department immediately upon the closure of the Home, or the suspension, revocation, or restriction of the Registration.

On March 13, 2014, the provider informed the consultant that she would be moving. Bright from the Start staff attempted a visit to the family day care home on June 3, 2014 and was unable to gain access to the home. On June 3, 2014, during the attempted visit, the home was observed vacant with a for sale sign in the yard. Attempts were also made to contact the provider by phone and email and were also unsuccessful.

Based on the provider's failure to submit a Family Day Care Home Registration Application Location Change to the Department in order to care for children at another location and her failure to provide access to the home, the registration to operate is no longer valid and is being revoked.