



**BRIGHT FROM THE START**  
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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May 8, 2012

**CERTIFIED MAIL #7011 1150 0000 4137 7730 AND REGULAR MAIL**

Mrs. Danielle DeVita  
Family Day Care Home  
908 Windmill Parkway  
Evans, Georgia 30809

**RE: Notice of Revocation**

Dear Mrs. DeVita:

On March 28, 2012, 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 children in care. Specifically, two children formally enrolled for care at the home disclosed sexual abuse by a juvenile male residing in the home. The juvenile was arrested on March 22, 2012 and charged with Aggravated Child Molestation. 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.

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)(4), Sec. 20-1A12(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 of 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:

**Ira Sudman**  
**Chief Legal Officer**  
**Bright from the Start**  
**Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

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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 Manager

BH/jps

cc: Kay Hellwig  
Ira Sudman  
Kristie Lewis  
Candy Prince  
Vermisha Thompkins  
Judy Richards  
Elisabetta Kasfir  
Jennifer Bridgeman  
Carrie Spangler  
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List of Rule Violations for:

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**1. Rule 290-2-3-.07(5) requires that children be supervised at all times by at least one adult.**

During an investigation, it was determined that adequate supervision was not provided by the provider. Two children formally enrolled at the home disclosed that during the time they were enrolled for care at the home, a teen aged male residing in the home sexually abused them without the provider's knowledge or intervention. The provider's son was arrested and charged with aggravated child molestation.

The failure of the provider to provide adequate supervision places children at risk of harm.

**2. Rule 290-2-3-.11(3)(a)1. Prohibits a provider or a home's employees from sexually abusing a child.**

During an investigation, it was determined that a male teen residing in the provider's home sexually abused two children formally enrolled for care in at the home during the time the children were enrolled. The provider failed to prevent the juvenile male from sexually molesting the children. The juvenile male was arrested and charged with aggravated child molestation.

**3. Rule 290-2-3-.05(c) requires that no provider shall make false or misleading statements to the Department in connection with any authorized investigation or inspection being conducted by the Department.**

During an investigation, it was determined that on October 3, 2011, the provider submitted a statement to the Department declaring that she had no children in care and was "inactive" at the time. The investigation determined that at the time of submission of the letter, Ms. DeVita had two children in care. In addition, Ms. DeVita enrolled three additional children between October 2011 and March 2012. Ms. DeVita did not inform the Department she was caring for children until March 8, 2012, after she learned about the allegations of sexual abuse against the juvenile male residing in her home.

**4. Rule 290-2-3-.08 (1) requires the provider to have a current and updated record for each child in care.**

During an investigation, it was determined that the provider cared for five children. One of the five children did not have an enrollment record on file.