



**BRIGHT FROM THE START**  
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February 28, 2011

**CERTIFIED MAIL #7007 2680 0000 9817 0162**

Ms. Shonticia Odom  
Family Day Care Home  
6170 Shady Grove Ridge  
Austell, Georgia 30168

**RE: Notice of Revocation**

Dear Ms. Odom:

On September 23, 2010, the Child Care Services Division of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) concluded a complaint investigation on Shonticia Odom's Family Day Care Home. 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, when a child care consultant arrived at the center to conduct an investigation, the family day care provider did not have and/or maintain documentation of a satisfactory criminal record for all adults who live in the home. Further, it was later determined that a registered sex offender was living in the home. 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 July 13, 2010, advising the family day care provider that an adult residing on the premises had an unsatisfactory criminal record determination, and is prohibited from being on the premises is marked as Exhibit "B".

Based on your noncompliance with Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 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:

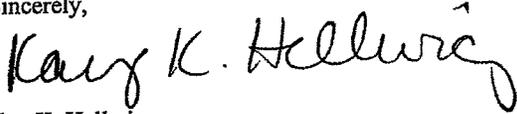
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A hearing request stays or suspends the revocation.

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

Sincerely,



Kay K. Hellwig  
Assistant Commissioner of Child Care Services

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Attachment

cc: J. Ashley Peacock  
Kristie Lewis  
Brenda Haynesworth  
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Candy Prince  
Vermisha Thompkins  
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**Exhibit "A"**  
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List of Rule Violations for:

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1. **290-2-3-.04(2)(c)2.(i)** A satisfactory criminal record check determination was not received as required.

During an investigation, it was determined that an adult male with an unsatisfactory criminal record check was found to reside at the address of the family day care home. Documents from the Cobb County Superior Court indicated that the adult male had prior felony convictions, requiring registry on the Georgia Sex Offender Registry, resided at the home. Documentation indicated that the adult male resided at the home from August 5, 2009 until July 9, 2010.

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

**OR**

2. **290-2-3-.08(5)** Copies of satisfactory criminal records check determinations were not maintained.

During an investigation, it was determined that the family day care home provider did not obtain a criminal record check for an adult male residing in the home. The adult male residing at the home was determined to be a convicted sex offender.

The failure of the home to obtain criminal records checks for adults residing in the home could possibly place children at risk of harm.