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Dear Child Care Provider:

Updated rules and regulations relating to criminal records check requirements for all types of child care facilities become effective January 1, 2014. These rules have been updated in accordance with House Bill 350 passed into law by the Georgia General Assembly earlier this year. All of the updated rules and regulations are posted on the Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning website and can be located at the following links:

Child Care Learning Centers-

<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/documents/attachments/CCLCRulesandRegulations.pdf>

Group Day Care Homes-

<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/documents/attachments/GDCHRulesandRegulations.pdf>

Family Day Care Homes-

<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/documents/attachments/FDCHRulesAndRegulations.pdf>

You can access additional resources related to the rule updates, as well as the Criminal Record Check application form and Livescan instructions, at the following link:

<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/CriminalRecordsCheck.aspx>

If you have questions about child care licensing rules or any issues relating to child care services, contact your licensing consultant directly or our office at 404-657-5562. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide safe and healthy child care environments for Georgia's youngest learners.

Sincerely,



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