

STATE OF OREGON
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILD CARE
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In the Matter of)

Paige Morgan) EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION
Mare Bear Child Development
CF502350

Emergency Order of Suspension of)
Certified Family Child Care Home

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is charged with licensing certified family child care homes, pursuant to ORS 329A.250 through 329A.460 and 329A.992, and OAR 414 chapter 350. The Certified Family Child Care Home of Paige Morgan is suspended under the provisions of ORS 183.430(2), ORS 329A.350(1), OAR 137-003-0505(1)(h), and OAR 137-003-0560; According to ORS 183.430(2), "In any case where the agency finds a serious danger to the public health or safety and sets forth specific reasons for such findings, the agency may suspend or refuse to renew a license without hearing, but if the licensee demands a hearing within 90 days after the date of notice to the licensee of such suspension or refusal to renew, then a hearing must be granted to the licensee as soon as practicable after such demand, and the agency shall issue an order pursuant to such hearing as required by this chapter confirming, altering or revoking its earlier order. Such a hearing need not be held where the order of suspension or refusal to renew is accompanied by or is pursuant to, a citation for violation which is subject to judicial determination in any court of this state, and the order by its terms will terminate in case of final judgment in favor of the licensee."

According to ORS 329A.252, "Provision of care by persons whose enrollment in registry is denied, revoked, or under suspension. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 329A.250(4), care provided to children other than the children of the person providing the care by a person whose enrollment in the Central Background Registry established by ORS 329A.030 has been denied for cause, has been revoked or is under suspension, or whose certification or registration has been denied for cause, has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has voluntarily surrendered the person's certification or registration while under investigation by the Office of Child Care is "child care" for purposes of ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450."

According to OAR 137-003-0505(1)(h), "When the agency is required to issue a contested case notice pursuant to ORS 183.415, the notice shall include: If the party is an agency, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, government body or an unincorporated association, a statement that the party must be represented by an attorney licensed in Oregon, unless statutes applicable to the contested case proceeding specifically provide otherwise."

According to OAR 137-003-0560(1), "If the agency finds there is a serious danger to the public health or safety, it may, by order, immediately suspend or refuse to renew a license. For purposes of this rule, such an order is referred to as an emergency suspension order. An emergency suspension order must be in writing. It may be issued without prior notice to the licensee and without a hearing prior to the emergency suspension order."

According to OAR 414-350-0000(1)(c), "Care for three or fewer children if that person's enrollment in the Central Background Registry has been denied or the person has been removed for cause, or suspended; or their child care facility certification or registration has been denied or revoked for cause, or suspended, or the person has voluntarily withdrawn their application or closed their registration or certification while under investigation by OCC."

According to OAR 414-350-0000(1)(d), "Provide care for preschool children that is primarily educational for four hours or less a per day and where no preschool age child is present at the facility for more than four hours per day if that person's enrollment in the Central Background Registry has been denied or the person has been removed for cause, or suspended; or their child care facility certification or registration has been denied or

revoked for cause, or suspended, or the person has voluntarily withdrawn their application or closed their registration or certification while under investigation by OCC."

According to OAR 414-350-0000(1)(e), "That provide care on an occasional basis by a person not ordinarily engaged in providing child care if that person's enrollment in the Central Background Registry has been denied or the person has been removed for cause, or suspended; or their child care facility certification or registration has been denied or revoked for cause, or suspended, or the person has voluntarily withdrawn their application or closed their registration or certification while under investigation by OCC."

According to OAR 414-350-0000(1)(f), "That provide care for children from only one family other than the person's own family if that person's enrollment in the Central Background Registry has been denied or the person has been removed for cause, or suspended; or their child care facility certification or registration has been denied or revoked for cause, or suspended, or the person has voluntarily withdrawn their application or closed their registration or certification while under investigation by OCC."

According to OAR 414-350-0010(20), "Operator" means the person responsible for the overall operation of the home and who has the authority to perform the duties necessary to meet certification requirements. In a certified family child care home, the operator is the provider. (34) "Supervision" means the act of caring for a child or group of children. This includes awareness of and responsibility for the ongoing activity of each child. It requires a caregiver to be within sight and/or sound of the children, knowledge of children's needs, and accountability for children's care and well-being. Supervision also requires that staff be near and have ready access to children in order to intervene when needed."

According to OAR 414-350-0090(2), "All caregivers, including the provider, shall: (a) Have competence, sound judgment, and self-control in working with children."

According to OAR 414-350-0090(4), "No one shall have access to child care children who has demonstrated behavior that may have a detrimental effect on a child. Residents of the home are considered to have access to the child care children even if they are not generally at home during hours of operation. This does not apply to parents of children in care when they drop off and pick up their children."

According to OAR 414-350-0090(4)(a), "The owner, the provider, all caregivers and other residents of the home 18 years of age or older must be enrolled in OCC's Central Background Registry prior to the issuance of an initial or renewal certificate. Residents of the home who are under 18 years of age must be enrolled in the Registry by their 18th birthday. Certification may be denied, suspended, or revoked if the provider or other resident of the home has been removed or suspended from the Central Background Registry."

According to OAR 414-350-0240(5), "Guidance and discipline shall be fair, consistently applied, timely, and appropriate to the behavior and age of the child. Positive statements or redirection of behaviors shall be used."

According to OAR 414-350-0240(6), "Prohibited punishment includes, but is not limited to: (a) Hitting, slapping, shaking, striking with hand or instrument, pinching, tying or binding, or inflicting any other form of corporal punishment; (b) Mental or emotional punishment including, but not limited to, name calling, ridicule, yelling, or threats; (d) Confining a child in an enclosed area, (e.g., a locked or closed room, closet, box); (e) Forcing or withholding meals, snacks, rest, or necessary toilet use."

According to OAR 414-350-0400(1), "OCC may immediately, and without prior notice, suspend the child care certification when, in the opinion of OCC, such action is necessary to protect the children from physical or mental abuse or a substantial threat to health, safety or well-being. Such action may be taken before an investigation is completed. (a) A provider whose certification has been suspended must immediately notify, verbally or in writing, all parents of the suspension. (b) A provider whose certification has been suspended must post the suspension in the home where it can be viewed by parents and others."

According to OAR 414-350-0400(2), "The provider has the right to appeal any decision to suspend the certification, subject to the provisions of Chapter 183, Oregon Revised Statutes."

According to OAR 414-350-0400(3), "If the provider does not request a hearing and the conditions which resulted in suspension have not been corrected, the certification shall be revoked."

THE FACTS

Paige Morgan's (Provider) Certified Family Child Care Home License (License) was issued on April 10, 2016. Pursuant to ORS 329A.280(1)(2) and (3), this license allows a provider to care for up to 12 children, including the provider's own children, in the provider's home.

On or about April 6, 2017, the Office of Child Care received information from

Subsequently, OCC received information from

Based on these circumstances and resulting concerns, OCC made a determination that the Provider is not suitable and suspended the Provider and Mr. Freasier's enrollment from the Central Background Registry (CBR) effective April 7, 2017.

The fact of the _____ and the facts involved in _____ raise serious concerns for OCC related to the health and safety of the child care children in the Provider's care. OCC finds that the continued operation of this certified family child care facility poses a serious danger to the public health and safety.

Based on these circumstances OCC issued an Emergency Suspension of the Certified Family Child Care Home License of the Provider on April 7, 2017.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Provider, is responsible for the operation of certified family child care home, including compliance with certification requirements. The Provider has violated OAR 414-350-0090(2), OAR 414-350-0090(4), OAR 414-350-0090(4)(a), OAR 414-350-0240(6), OAR 414-350-0240(5), OAR 414-350-0240(6)(a), OAR 414-350-0240(6)(b), OAR 414-350-0240(6)(d), OAR 414-350-0240(6)(e).

As providers must be enrolled in the Central Background Registry to operate a child care program, the Provider is not in compliance with the Office of Child Care requirements due to her suspension from the Central Background Registry. ORS 329.030(2),(8)(a); see also OAR 414-350-0090(4)(a).

As set forth above, OCC finds that the facts surrounding these violations create a serious danger to the public health and safety and that immediate action is necessary to protect children from physical or mental abuse or a substantial threat to health, safety or well-being. Based on the facts the provider's Certified Family Child Care Home license is suspended effective April 7, 2017. ORS 183.430(2), OAR 137-003-0560(1), OAR 414-350-0400(1).

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

You are entitled to a hearing as provided by the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183, Oregon Revised Statutes). If you want a hearing, you must make a written request to the OCC no later than 60 days from the date this Notice was mailed. The request should be sent to the Office of Child Care, 875 Union St., NE, Salem, OR 97311. The request may also be submitted via fax at (503) 947-1428 or e-mail occ.hearings@state.or.us.

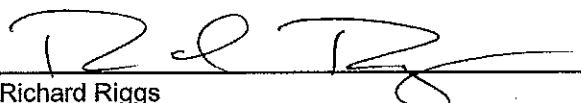
If you request a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place of the hearing. You may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist you if you have limited resources. The OCC will be represented by an Assistant Attorney General from the Oregon Department of Justice. You will be provided information on the procedures, right of representation, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing before commencement of the hearing. Any hearing will be conducted by an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings, assigned as required by ORS 183.635.

If you fail to request a hearing within 60 days, if you request a hearing and subsequently withdraw your request for hearing, if you fail to appear for the hearing, or if a hearing is scheduled and you later notify the OCC or the administrative law judge that you will not appear at the specified time and place, the OCC may issue a final order by default denying your application for enrollment in the CBR. If the OCC issues a final order by default, the OCC designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case upon default.

Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service members Civil Relief Act and may contact the Oregon State Bar (1-800-452-8260) or the Oregon Military Department for more information (1-800-452-7500). The United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator can be accessed at <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php>.

If you fail to request a hearing, if you request a hearing and subsequently withdraw your request for hearing, if you fail to appear for the hearing, or if a hearing is scheduled and you later notify the OCC that you will not appear at the specified time and place, you will have waived your right to a hearing. OCC designates the relevant portions of its file, including all materials you have submitted, as the record for purposes of this emergency order of suspension.

Dated this 7th day of April 2017


Richard Riggs
Legal Administrator

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