



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

COMMISSIONER
Carey D. Cockerell

April 18, 2008

RITA OBODOECHINA
8133 BEECHCOVE
HOUSTON, TX 77072

Operation #847378
Mothercare Day Care

Dear Ms. Obodoechina:

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) has found that this child-care operation poses an immediate threat to the health and/or safety of the children attending the operation. The reasons for this closure are as follows:

On April 11, 2008, a child was kidnapped from your operation by a staff member. You did not request a Criminal Background Check and FBI fingerprint check on this staff member before you allowed her unsupervised access to children in care. You also hired her and allowed her unsupervised access to the children in care even after she informed you that her own child had recently been removed from her home by Children's Protective Services. This lack of judgment jeopardized the life of the kidnapped child and the health and safety of the other children in care.

From June 8, 2005 through the most recent inspection, you have been cited for 87 deficiencies that include :

6 citations for staff lacking the required training, 6 citations because staff did not have CPR and First Aid certification, 4 citations for a lack of supervision of the children in care, and 6 citations for failure to request a current criminal background check on employees who are in contact with the children in care.

DFPS is preparing a to revoke your permit and will send you a letter of an Intent to revoke your permit. This letter will list the reasons and offer you an administrative review.

DFPS staff may be required to inspect the operation periodically during the closure to determine that there are no children in care who are subject to regulation.

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This closure is effective at 6:30 pm on April 21, 2008 and is in effect for 10 days.

The parents, guardians, or managing conservators must be notified to pick up their children by the close of business (6:30pm) on April 21, 2008. You must send a follow-up letter to the parents using certified mail within five days of the effective date of closure. Copies of the return receipts must be given to DFPS within five day of receipt by the operation.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA CUSSON
Licensing Supervisor
(713) 940-5282

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of this letter on the _____ day of _____, 2008
