

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Growing Room Franchising System, Inc. 7270 Northlake Drive Columbus, Georgia 31909 (706) 596-1510 www.growingroomusa.com



We grant you the right to operate a GROWING ROOM® Child Development Center Franchise ("Development Center"). Your Development Center will offer personalized, quality day care, education and development services for children between the ages of six weeks through twelve years.

The total estimated initial investment for this program is \$889,000876,610 to \$954,500941,375. This includes \$55,000 that must be paid to Franchisor or its affiliates.

If you sign an Area Development Agreement for the right to develop more than one Development Center you will pay us an Area Development Fee equal to \$27,500 multiplied by the number of Development Centers you agree to develop. The Area Development Fee is credited against the Initial Franchise Fee for each Development Center you open.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement, Area Development Agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, us or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.** 

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Sheree Mitchell, P.O. Box 4216, Columbus, Georgia 31914, (706) 987-8122.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or



by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## STATE COVERAGE PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise.

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PERMIT YOU TO SUE OR ARBITRATE WITH US ONLY IN GEORGIA. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO SUE OR ARBITRATE WITH US IN GEORGIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATE THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA GOVERN THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS OTHER LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

See next page for state effective dates.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATE PAGE

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following state having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective date:

STATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Maryland	<del>June 2, 2015</del>

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