



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT LITTLE SUNSHINE'S ENTERPRISES, INC.

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The franchise relates to the operation of pre-schools ("Schools") that offer child care and related services under the Little Sunshine's Playhouse and Preschool trade name and business system.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of your School is from \$378,700 to \$484,500. This includes \$82,500 that must be paid to us or our affiliate. If you sign a development agreement for the right to develop three Schools, you must pay us \$180,000 when you sign the Development Agreement, but you will not have to pay us an initial franchise fee when you sign individual franchise agreements.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise 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, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no governmental 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 Nicole Carr at 201 E. Cardinal St., Springfield, MO 65810, (417) 887-4242.

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 an 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, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

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

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## STATE COVER 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 D** for information about the franchisor, 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 REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MISSOURI LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of this franchise.

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## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the disclosure document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

State	Effective Date
Illinois	April 30, 2013
Indiana	See Separate FDD
Hawaii	March 21, 2013

In the states listed below, the effective date of this disclosure document is the issuance date of January 15, 2013, as amended March 12, 2013.

Alabama	Kansas	North Carolina
Alaska	Kentucky	Ohio
Arizona	Louisiana	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Maine	Oregon
Colorado	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Mississippi	South Carolina
Delaware	Missouri	Tennessee
District of Columbia	Montana	Texas
Florida	Nevada	Utah
Georgia	New Hampshire	Vermont
Idaho	New Jersey	West Virginia
Iowa	New Mexico	Wyoming

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