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Mrs. Aretha Henderson  
Batesville COFO  
P.O. Box 654  
Batesville, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

Thank you for your letter. And thank you for keeping such a good record of your class.

I have an appointment for Monday to talk to the people in the State Dept. of Education about getting a license. I'll let you know what they tell me. However, you certainly don't have to have a license to have a day care center. The only thing you have to have a license for is if you want to have it accredited, so that you can get money from the state or the federal government to run the center. As long as the parents let their children come to you, ~~through~~, and as long as we pay for the center ourselves, I'm pretty sure they can't ~~possibly~~ require you to have a license. You're really just a babysitter who teaches as well as sits, and they can't charge you for that. I know that you never can tell what these people will do, though, and it would be an extra protection to have a license. So as soon as I find out the requirements, we'll work on having a qualified, licensed center.

Thank you for the report, and I hope you ~~did~~ were happy with the Freedom Vote results. I hope I can come to Batesville soon and meet you and see your class.

Yours truly,

(Miss) Lois Chaffee