Family Paths Inc. P.O. Box 3923 Syracuse, NY 13220



Via First-Class Mail

NAME ADDRESS ADDRESS

September 27, 2022

Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear FIRST NAME LAST NAME,

Family Paths, Inc. ("Family Paths") is writing to inform you of a recent data security incident ("Incident"). We are providing you with steps we are taking in response to the incident and resources available to help you protect against the potential misuse of your information.

Data privacy and security is among Family Paths' highest priorities, and we are committed to doing everything we can to protect the privacy and security of the personal information in our care. Since the discovery of the Incident, Family Paths moved quickly to investigate, respond, and confirm the security of our systems. Specifically, Family Paths has implemented new multi-factor authentication procedures and increased security training for staff. We have also retained the services of an outside service provider to test and harden our systems, and keep our policies and procedures fully in line with all current and new threats.

In light of the Incident, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring\* services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for 18 months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. In addition, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in the event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. While we are covering the cost of these services, you will need to complete the activation process by following the instructions below.

To enroll in Credit Monitoring\* services at no charge, please log on https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/familypaths and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: ZS7ZLVZ3CD In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it. Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security

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freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit, mortgages, employment, housing or other services. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must make a direct request by telephone, secure electronic means (website), or written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax; Experian; and TransUnion at the addresses and/or numbers below:

## **Equifax Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 (800)-525-6285

https://www.equifax.com/person al/credit-report-services/creditfreeze/

## **Experian Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 (888)-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze

## TransUnion (FVAD)

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 (800)-680-7289

freeze.transunion.com

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five (5) years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving a telephone or secure electronic request, or three (3) business days after receiving your written request, to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both, that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To permanently remove the security freeze, or to temporarily lift the security freeze for a specified period of time or to provide a specified entity access to your credit report, you must make a request either by phone, through secure electronic means (website), or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail. Requests must include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. To temporarily remove the security freeze, include the specific period of time you want the credit report available or the name of the entity you want to have access to your credit report.

In the case of a request by phone or secure electronic means, the security freeze will be lifted within one (1) hour after receiving the request for removal; or in the case of a request that is by mail, the credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to permanently or temporarily remove the security freeze.

We would like to reiterate that, at this time, there is no evidence that your information was misused. However, we encourage you to take full advantage of the services offered.

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If you have any questions or concerns not addressed in this letter, please call 1-800-405-6108 Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (excluding U.S. national holidays).

Family Paths sincerely regrets any concern or inconvenience this matter may cause, and remains dedicated to ensuring the privacy and security of all information in our control.

Sincerely,

Christopher Palmer

Christopher Palmer Director of Technology Family Paths, Inc.

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## Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information

Credit Reports: You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone or online. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years.

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 105069
Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016	Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289	1-800-525-6285

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and by monitoring your credit report for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872	1-888-298-0045
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	www.transunion.com/credit-	https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-
-	<u>freeze</u>	report-services/credit-freeze/

File Police Report: You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

FTC and Attorneys General: You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission

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can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement.

For residents of *Iowa*: State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**For residents of** *Massachusetts***:** It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

For residents of New Mexico: State law advises you to review personal account statements and credit reports, as applicable, to detect errors resulting from the security breach. You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act at www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

<u>For residents of Oregon:</u> State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

**For residents of** *Rhode Island*: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to file or obtain a police report in regard to this incident.

For residents of Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island: You can obtain information from the Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. Federal Trade Commission - Consumer Response Center: 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580; 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); www.identitytheft.gov

**Arizona Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection & Advocacy Section, 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 1-602-542-5025

Colorado Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection 1300 Broadway, 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80203 1-720-508-6000 www.coag.gov

**District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General** – Office of Consumer Protection: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; www.oag.dc.gov

Illinois office of the Attorney General - 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-866-999-5630; www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

**Maryland Office of the Attorney General -** Consumer Protection Division: 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; www.oag.state.md.us

**New York Office of Attorney General** - Consumer Frauds & Protection: The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; 1-800-771-7755; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft

**North Carolina Office of the Attorney General -** Consumer Protection Division: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; 1-877-566-7226; www.ncdoj.com

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General - Consumer Protection: 150 South Main St., Providence RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; www.riag.ri.gov

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