

# Quality Child Care Checklist

We understand that choosing child care can sometimes be an overwhelming task. To help you in your process, use this checklist for discussion points and to evaluate the quality of the programs you visit.

- | Yes                      | No                       |   | Yes                      | No                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the staff and teachers make you feel welcome and comfortable?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are parents encouraged to ask questions, communicate and provide feedback?              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the staff and teachers seem to genuinely enjoy working with the children?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are parents welcome to visit the program at any time?                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will your child receive ample individual attention?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the center provide a daily communication system as well as formal conferences?     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a balanced approach to the program, with both teacher-directed and child-initiated activities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there opportunities for you to meet and connect with other families in the program? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you comfortable with the curriculum and philosophy of the program?                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are parent references available?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the program help children achieve specific developmental goals?                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the building have a secure entry system?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is infant care nurturing and will it foster your child's development?                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are rooms designed to encourage learning and support the curriculum?                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the preschool program prepare children for kindergarten?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the center clean?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the children receive daily opportunities to be active, and is there a focus on health and wellness?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the playground areas safe?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there field trips provided for older children?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there written center policies in place and available to you?                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are special classes such as music, dance or fitness offered?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do caregivers receive regular training on child development topics?                     |
|                          |                          |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are breakfast and lunch provided, and does the menu include healthy options?            |

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