

Check it out!

One of the most important decisions you will make as a parent is choosing a child care provider. You want your children to participate in programs that encourage creative exploration and discovery, lessons that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, and above all, you want your children to be safe and happy. To help you narrow down your choices and make an informed decision, we've compiled a checklist for you to use as you visit each child care location. Take your time and review your options carefully

ENVIRONMENT

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Warm and inviting atmosphere?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff is patient, loving and responsive?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall environment is pleasant ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Positive communication with children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person conducting tour is knowledgeable of age-appropriate learning practices?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person conducting tour acknowledged child?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

SAFETY

Adult supervision at all times?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age-appropriate learning materials?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hand washing techniques followed by caregivers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All dangerous products, such as medications and chemicals, are kept out of reach of children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Current licenses and permits posted?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers are First Aid and CPR certified?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instant access to medical information and arrival/departure times?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immunizations required?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Emergency weather/evacuation plans are provided?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-going school event notices available?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regular verbal and written communication?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Provides fun environment for learning?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skill development through small/large and individual/group activities daily?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers treat each child as an individual; encourages them to explore and discover through their own ways?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers follow age-appropriate practices/guidelines?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Daily outdoor play (weather permitting)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers receive professional development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Classroom learning centers include quiet, dramatic play, problem solving, creative, construction, reading and math areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

FACILITY

Separate diaper changing areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bathrooms with child-sized commodes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Space for physical activities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

