

Child Care Checklist

Toddlers



The following is a guide that can be used when interviewing child care programs

Child Care Program _____ Contact Person _____
 Telephone _____ Date _____

Place a check in the box if the program meets your expectations.

Basic Information

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the program licensed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are caregivers warm and welcoming? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the building safe, clean and well maintained? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are positive guidance techniques used? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the setting bright and cheerful? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are parents encouraged to be involved in activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are policies and contracts explained? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do children seem happy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the program nationally accredited? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are teachers trained for the age of the child they care for? |

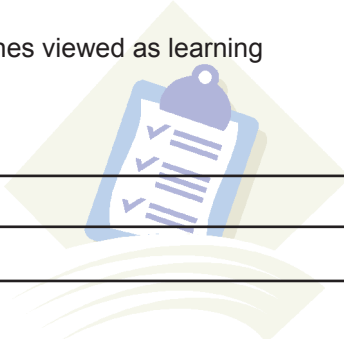
Health & Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Are there emergency procedures? Are they posted? | <input type="checkbox"/> What precautions are taken to reduce spread of illness? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How will I be notified in case of an emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> Where, and how often the diaper changed? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are there fire drills/safety plans to follow in an emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are toxic items locked and stored safely? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is the policy on administering medication? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is the room temperature comfortable for children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are all medicines labeled and out of children's reach? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are children's/caregiver's hands washed before/after eating? |

Program

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the teacher offer a diverse lesson plan every week? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do toys and materials offer educational and exciting activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the teacher assist in efforts to toilet train your toddler? | <input type="checkbox"/> Does the caregiver use positive methods of guidance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do caregivers follow standard health procedures? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a stocked first aid kit kept on hand? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the teacher read to the child at least twice a day? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is there daily communication with parents about the child's day? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the teacher interact with students during the day? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are play and caregiving routines viewed as learning methods? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the play area accesible at all times? | |

Comments:



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