

Child Care Checklist



When searching for a compatible caregiver for your child, leave no stone unturned. Refer to this checklist when visiting child care centers and interviewing other child care providers to help you ask all the right questions about all the critical issues.

Caregiver

- Treats children with respect
- Gets on the child's level physically when speaking to her
- Speaks and listens with respect
- Accepts children's feelings
- Encourages growth and independence
- Provides every child with their own place for sleeping and storing belongings

Background

- Provides references
- Provides written policies
- Has a daily plan of activities
- Has experience with children
- Has supervision as well as education and training
- Understands and respects different parenting styles

Safety

- Keeps all equipment in good condition
- Removes potential hazards from reach: cleaning supplies, sharp objects, medications, etc.
- Provides a clean and comfortable environment
- Practices good hygiene — hand washing, wiping noses, etc.

Appropriateness

- Provides age appropriate equipment and activities
- Uses appropriate discipline
- Helps children learn how to interact with each other
- Helps children learn how to take care of themselves

Notes and other observations

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