

Choosing a Quality Program

QUESTIONS TO ASK

General

- What are your hours of operation?
- What is the cost? Is there a registration fee?
- Is the program licensed by the state?
- How many teachers have Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials, associate's degrees, or higher degrees?
- How many children is each caregiver responsible for?
- How does the staff communicate with parents?
- How do you support the professional development of your staff?
- What is the attendance and tardiness policy? Is there a late pick-up policy?

Health and safety

- Where and when do the children sleep? What is provided by the program and what needs to be brought from home?
- How do you manage toilet training? Where and when do you change diapers?
- How are food and feeding handled? Who prepares the food? Are there food options provided or does food need to be brought from home?
- Is the staff trained in CPR and first aid?
- What is the center's policy for sick children?
- How do you keep the facility clean and safe?

Education

- What do you do to help my child feel comfortable being away from me?
- What is your curriculum and how does it address all aspects of child development?
- Do expectations or activities change with the children's ages?
- Do you adjust teaching methods based on the child?
- How do you handle discipline or conflicts?
- What does playtime look like? What kinds of activities does the staff do?
- Are the chairs, tables, sinks, playground equipment, and other items child-sized?
- How do you get parents involved in your program?
- How do you communicate my child's progress? Do you do regular assessments?



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