



Child Care Check List

Key questions to ask potential providers...	Provider #1 Name: _____	Provider #2 Name: _____	Provider #3 Name: _____
Do the children seem happy?			
Is the setting safe and clean as well as the toys?			
Is there a fenced-in outdoor play area with a variety of safe equipment? Teachers can see the entire play area?			
Are there different areas for resting, quiet play, active play?			
Is the setting bright, cheerful, and attractive?			
Are the caregivers/teachers friendly and supportive?			
Have the caregivers/teachers participated in yearly trainings?			
Is the caregiver certified in First Aid and CPR?			
What are their qualifications, experiences, and education?			
Do the caregivers promote development of positive self-esteem?			
Are the children greeted when they arrive? Do caregivers/teachers get down on the child's level?			
Are there a variety of age appropriate activities?			
Is there a daily balance of story time, activity time, nap time and play time?			
Will my child get individual attention?			
Will my child be able to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually?			
Can parents visit the program and participate in the activities?			
Do the caregivers share information about my child's day?			
Are references provided?			
Would I feel comfortable leaving my child here?			
Are the group size and age groupings acceptable? (ask school experts about the best staff/child ratios)			
Are surprise visits encouraged?			
What are the discipline methods? Do they promote			

self-discipline?			
What are the procedure for dropping off and picking up my child?			
Is there a procedure for releasing the children to someone other than myself?			
What is the procedure if my child becomes sick?			
Is there a license posted?			

For School-agers

Is there an ample supply of age appropriate reading materials & educational games that the children have access to?			
Is there a time set aside for homework?			
Is there transportation to and from school?			
Is there an adult supervising the children at all times?			
Is this program available to the family for before and after school only? What about vacations or any other time school is not in session?			

Provider References

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Provider 3 references Name: _____ Phone: _____	Name: _____ Phone: _____	Name: _____ Phone: _____

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