

Daycare Checklist

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- ☐ Daycare Provider
 - ☐ Appears warm and friendly.
 - ☐ Treats children with respect, flexibility, and patience.
 - ☐ Is able to meet your child's developmental and emotional needs.
 - ☐ Gives children individual attention.
 - ☐ Sets reasonable and consistent limits.
 - ☐ Supplies you with information for variety of issues such as: hours of operation, vacations, holidays, payment, fees, discipline policies, sick policies, etc.
 - ☐ Provide a contract that clearly states the agreed to terms of the child-care services.
 - ☐ Staff have training in early childhood development.
 - ☐ Teachers trained in first aid and CPR.
 - ☐ Background checks are completed on staff members.
- ☐ Daycare Environment
 - ☐ Bright, cheerful setting.
 - ☐ Children appear happy, comfortable, and relaxed.
 - ☐ Safe, clean indoor and outdoor areas with adequate space.
 - ☐ Toys and equipment are safe and age appropriate.
 - ☐ Various open ended play materials such as puzzles, blocks, dress up props.
 - ☐ Toys are within children's reach, well organized, and easy for children to clean up.
 - ☐ Sanitary bathrooms and clean kitchen area.
 - ☐ Hand washing after toileting and before meals and snacks.
 - ☐ Separate cribs for infants and separate cots/mats for others.
 - ☐ Cleaning materials, medicines, and sharp utensils out of reach of children.
- ☐ Daycare Program
 - ☐ Daily routine that is consistent but flexible and provides a variety of activities, and indoor/outdoor times.
 - ☐ Activities that are open ended, child directed.

- ☐ Children have the opportunity to experiment with various art materials.
- ☐ Healthy snacks and/or meals.
- ☐ Supervised rest time.
- ☐ Minimal, supervised TV if any.
- ☐ Daycare Regulations
 - ☐ Has a copy of a license or registration certificate from states family childcare licensing agency.
 - ☐ Has a CPR and First Aid Certificate.
 - ☐ Has emergency phone numbers & evacuation plan.
 - ☐ Should not exceed number of children licensed for.
 - ☐ Outlet covers, gates to block stairways, smoke detectors are installed and in proper working condition.
 - ☐ Has a first aid kit on hand.
 - ☐ There are restrictions on who may pick up a child.
 - ☐ The playground equipment meet safety standards.
 - ☐ Hazardous materials kept out of reach of children.