

Choosing Child Care

Child Care Checklist

This checklist will help you to look for important indicators of quality child care. Space is provided for you to note your observations when deciding which child care program is right for your family.



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Daily Child Programs (continued)

Does the program:

- Actively monitor children when they are using computers?
- Include reading time?
- Integrate different cultural traditions?
- Involve children in preparing simple meals and snacks?
- Require children to participate in basic life skills activities, e.g., washing hands, hanging up their own clothing, doing up zippers, etc.?

Infant Program (if applicable)

Does the program:

- Allow infants to have their own eating and sleeping schedules?
- Provide a sleeping area that is separate from the play area?
- Require that infants are out of their cribs when they are awake?
- Include time for holding infants at times other than feeding?

Notes

A vertical column of horizontal dotted lines for taking notes, located on the right side of the page.

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Telephone Interview Planner

You can use this planner to help organize your questions and record information from your interview with child care programs. You may wish to make additional copies of this planner.



Child Care Program:

Phone

Address

Contact Name

Questions/Responses for the Child Care Program

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Outcome of the telephone interview

Will visit the program

Yes

No

My child can visit with me

Yes

No

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