

# CHECKLIST FOR FAMILIES SEARCHING FOR CHILD CARE

Searching for high-quality child care for your child?  
Use the following checklist as a guide.

## BASIC INFORMATION

- The hours suit my schedule
- The fees fit my price range
- Meals and snacks are appetizing
- Transportation is available
- The group size and age grouping meet child care regulations

## THE ENVIRONMENT

- The setting is clean and cheerful
- Children seem happy
- Children are comforted when needed
- There is a safety plan to follow in emergencies
- Safety precautions are established
- Different kinds of space are available for quiet play, active play and outdoor play
- There is enough space for all activities
- There are enough books, paints, blocks, musical toys, games and puzzles, etc.

## THE STAFF

- They have been trained to care for children
- Most staff have been in the program for at least one year
- Disciplinary methods are acceptable
- They are warm and friendly
- Staff members take time to discuss a child's progress with parents regularly
- Staff members are attentive to children in the classroom

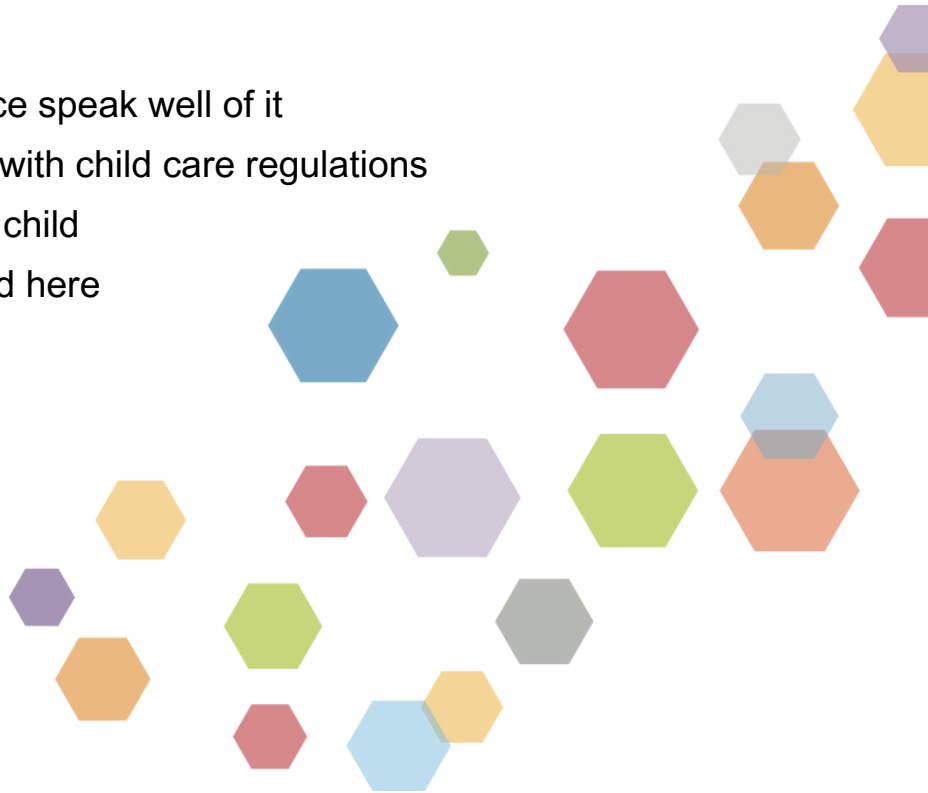


## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- ❑ Parents can visit unannounced
- ❑ Parents are involved in decision making
- ❑ There are opportunities for parents to be involved with the program
- ❑ Parents have a chance to speak with staff when they drop off and pick up children

## FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ❑ References are provided
- ❑ People who have used this service speak well of it
- ❑ The program is in good standing with child care regulations
- ❑ I would be happy here if I were a child
- ❑ I feel comfortable leaving my child here



**Contact us for additional support with your child care search.**



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