## Contact Us

If you need assistance finding child care programs in your area and other community resources, please contact our team!



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## **Relay Texas:**

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Use this checklist to get some ideas of specific things you can ask yourself when visiting a child care program!

- Do the hours suit my schedule?
- Do the fees fit my price range?
- Are meals and snacks provided? Are they appetizing?
- Is the setting clean and cheerful?
- Do the children seem happy?
- Are children comforted when needed?
- Are safety precautions established?
- Are there different kinds of spaces available for quiet play, active play and outdoor play?
- Are there enough books, paints, blocks, games, puzzles, etc.?
- ✓ Have the staff been trained to care for children?
- Is the staff warm and friendly?
- Does the staff regularly discuss a child's progress with parents?
- Are staff members attentive to children in the classroom?
- Are parents allowed to visit unannounced?
- Are parents involved in decision-making?
- Are there opportunities for parents to be involved in the program?
- regulations?
- Do I feel comfortable leaving my child there?





We know that selecting the right program for your child can sometimes be difficult. There are a lot of factors to consider, like location, cost, overall quality of care, and many more. The good news is that you do not have to do it alone; our team is here to help. Please review the following guidance on selecting a high-quality child care program for you and your child.

## 5 Steps for Selecting Child Care for your Infant or Toddler

- Identify what you need. What type of care do you need based on your life and work schedule? Full-time, part-time, evening, or something else.
- Establish your budget. How much can you afford to spend on care? This is important to know when starting your search. For more information on scholarship eligibility, please contact Workforce Solutions-Financial Aid Support Center by phone at 713-334-5980 or email at SupportCenter@wrksolutions.com.



3 Learn about Texas's different types of child care programs.

- Licensed Child Care Centers are located in a building other than the owner's home. They offer care to seven or more children ages 13 or younger. A second caregiver is present if most children are five years or younger.
- Licensed Child Care Homes are located in the caregiver's home and may care for up to 12 children, depending on the age of the children, whether they are 13-years-old or younger.
- Registered Child Care Homes are located in the caregiver's home and may care for up to six children 13-years-old or younger. They may care for up to six more children after school, but only 12 children may be cared for at one time.
- Begin your search. Contact
  Workforce Solutions Early
  Education Quality Services to talk
  to a family support specialist who
  can help you search for child care
  programs that meet your needs.
- Book a tour. Once you have identified a few programs that meet your needs, speak to a director or owner to schedule a time to visit the child care program.

