

QUALITY CHILD CARE CHECKLIST

YES NO **CAREGIVERS/TEACHERS**

- Do the caregivers/teachers talk to the children in a positive, caring manner, positioning their body at the child's eye level?
- Are children greeted when they arrive?
- Are the caregivers/teachers trained in early childhood education?
- Are the caregivers/teachers involved in continuing education programs?
- Are your ideas welcomed? Are there ways for you to get involved?
- Is there enough staff to serve the children? (Ask Child Care Connection about the best staff/child ratios for different age groups.)

SETTING/ENVIRONMENT

- Does the indoor environment have good lighting and ventilation?
- Are there different areas for resting, quiet play and active play? Is there enough space for children in all of these areas?
- Is there a fenced-in outdoor play area with a variety of safe equipment?
- Can the caregivers/teachers see the entire playground at all times?

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Are emergency phone numbers and evacuation plans posted?
- Are caregivers/teachers and children practicing healthy hand washing procedures?
- Are children receiving a variety of nutritious meals and snacks?
- Are toys safe and cleaned often?

YES NO **ACTIVITIES**

- Is there a daily balance of play time, story time, activity time and nap time with flexibility?
- Are the activities/toys right for each age group?
- Are there enough toys within reach so the children can make choices but not too many to cause the child to be overwhelmed?
- Is the use of television limited by time and subject matter?

IN GENERAL

- Do you agree with the discipline practices?
- Do you hear the sounds of happy children?
- Are children comforted when needed?
- Are surprise visits by parents encouraged?
- Will your child be happy there?
- Re-evaluate the program on a regular basis; is it still meeting your needs?

Comments:

Please call Child Care Connection with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding child care.



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