

A Handy Checklist

To help you choose the best child care provider possible, we have created a handy checklist to use when exploring each of your options. Choosing a child care provider is a major decision. You want your child to be safe, happy and fully engaged. You want them to participate in an encouraging environment where learning is fun and the foundation for a lifetime of learning is set. Please use the list below to thoroughly review your options.

Environment	Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the atmosphere pleasant and inviting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the staff present, patient and caring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Does positive communication occur between staff and the children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the person leading your tour knowledgeable, friendly and aware of age-appropriate learning practices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the person leading your tour acknowledge your child(ren)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there separate diaper changing areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you see any repair or maintenance signs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning		
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the tools and toys in the learning environment age-appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the program prepare students to meet or surpass the latest Kindergarten Readiness standards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the daily program include group and one-on-one activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the teachers engage and encourage each child on an individual level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the teachers follow age-appropriate practices and guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Weather permitting; does outdoor play occur on a daily basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do teachers continue to further their education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the program utilize curriculum planning in advance and current child assessment technologies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the classroom centers include opportunities for dramatic play, creativity, problem-solving, reading, math and social skills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a designated quiet place in the classroom?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety		
<input type="checkbox"/> Are adults present and supervising all of the children at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there security cameras on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there smoke detectors and fire extinguishers on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are all Teachers and Care Providers First Aid and CPR certified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are up-to-date immunizations required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are current permits and licenses posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are entrances and exits locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are important medical information and arrival/departure times posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are dangerous medications and chemicals kept locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do all caregivers follow hand-washing techniques?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication		
<input type="checkbox"/> Are emergency weather and evacuations plans on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are important notices posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Does regular verbal and written communication occur between parents/guardians and teachers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>