

Child Care Checklist

Yes?	Basic Information	Comments
	State Licensed.	
	Nationally accredited.	
	Hours are suitable.	
	I can afford the fees.	
	Meals and snacks are appropriate and nutritious.	
	Staff to child ratios are acceptable.	
	Group sizes are acceptable.	
	School age care: Transportation is available.	
	The Staff	
	They have good training and experience with children.	
	Most have been in the program for at least one year.	
	Guidance and discipline methods are age appropriate.	
	They are friendly and cooperative.	
	They are responsive and supportive.	
	Children are treated as individuals.	
	The Place	
	Indoor spaces are clean, comfortable, inviting, and accessible to children.	
	There is enough space for all activities.	
	Spaces have a variety of textures, such as softness; and usage, such as quiet and active play.	
	There are enough books, paints, blocks, musical toys, games, and puzzles, etc.	
	Children seem happy.	
	Staff and children get along well.	
	Children are comforted when needed.	
	Children can take part in activities appropriate for their age.	
	Equipment and activities arranged so a child can initiate and complete without adult intervention.	
	Outdoor spaces are accessible, have adequate shade, access to water, and are free of hazards.	
	Parental Involvement	
	I feel welcomed and valued.	
	Parents are involved in decision-making.	
	Parents participate in some activities.	
	Parents have a chance to speak with staff when they drop off and pick up.	
	Parents can visit unannounced anytime their children are in care.	
	Written information and assessment of a child's development are provided.	
	Overall Impression	
	References are provided.	
	People who have used this service speak well of it.	
	I would be happy here if I were a child.	
	I feel comfortable leaving my child here.	

More Comments: