

Child Care Checklist

Infants



The following is a guide that can be used when interviewing child care programs

Child Care Program _____ Contact Person _____

Telephone _____ Date _____

Place a check in the box if the program meets your expectations.

Basic Information

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the program licensed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are caregivers warm and welcoming? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the building safe, clean and well maintained? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are positive guidance techniques used? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the setting bright and cheerful? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are parents encouraged to be involved in activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are policies and contracts explained? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do infants seem happy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the program nationally accredited? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are teachers trained for the age of the child they care for? |

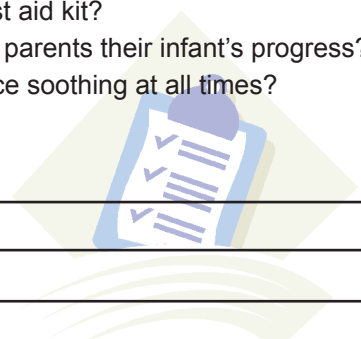
Health & Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Are there emergency procedures? Are they posted? | <input type="checkbox"/> What precautions are taken to reduce the spread of illness? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How will I be notified in case of an emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> Where, and how often are diapers changed? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are there fire drills/safety plans to follow in an emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are toxic items locked and stored safely? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is the policy on administering medication? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is the room temperature comfortable for children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are all medicines labeled and out of children's reach? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are children's/caregiver's hands washed before/after daipering? |

Program

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the caregiver enjoy cuddling/holding your baby? | <input type="checkbox"/> Does the caregiver interact with the infant? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the caregiver alert to baby's needs? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is the classroom child-proof? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do infants have a specific feeding time? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do caregivers follow standard health procedures? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are there safety gates at top and bottom of stairs? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are there separate crib sheets for each baby in care? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are infants allowed to discover their surrounding? | <input type="checkbox"/> Does the program have a first aid kit? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are lullabies sung throughout the day? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do the caregivers share with parents their infant's progress? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are infants moved or positioned constantly? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is the caregiver's tone of voice soothing at all times? |

Comments:



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