



Quality Child Care Checklist



Choosing quality child care for your child is a difficult task. The Children's Workshop checklist can help you ask the right questions when you are visiting our centers and others. This information will help you select the best child care program for you and your family.

Program

1. Is there an educational philosophy that is described to parents?
Is the curriculum written and do you see it in action?
2. Are there enough materials and toys available and easily accessible by the children in each classroom?
3. Does the program provide a daily schedule that provides consistent routine for the children?
4. Are the learning centers or play areas well defined in each classroom?
Are there a variety of activities that children can select from?
5. Are children encouraged to work alone as well as in small groups?
6. Does the daily schedule allow for both active and quiet play?
7. Does the daily schedule provide for plenty of outdoor gross motor play?
8. Do the children in the classroom seem engaged, happy and interested in what they are doing?



Staff

1. Are caregivers trained in first aid and CPR?
2. What are the necessary qualifications to be a teacher in the center?
3. How often is staff training provided?
4. Do the teachers interact with children in a caring and respectful way?
5. Do the child-to-teacher ratios meet or exceed the state's requirements?



