

# Child Care

## Pre-school Care Quality Indicators

We suggest you visit and observe at least three (3) programs before enrolling your child. Use this form to rate the programs.

### CAREGIVERS/TEACHERS

Do the caregivers/teachers seem to really like children?

Yes

No

Do the caregivers/teachers get down on each child's level to speak to the child?

Are children greeted when they arrive?

Are children's needs quickly met even when things get busy?

Are the caregivers/teachers trained in CPR/First aid and early childhood education?

Are the caregivers/teachers involved in continuing education programs?

Does the program keep up with children's changing interests?

Will the caregivers/teachers always be ready to answer your questions?

Will the caregivers/teachers tell you what your child is doing every day?

Are parents' ideas welcomed? Are there ways for you to get involved?

Do the caregivers/teachers and children enjoy being together?

Is there enough staff to serve the children?

( Call Programs for Parents for the child/teacher ratio information)

Are the caregivers/teachers trained and experienced ?

Have they participated in early childhood development classes?

### SETTING

Is the atmosphere bright and pleasant?

Yes

No

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?

Are there different areas for resting, quiet play and active play? Is there enough space for the children in all of these areas?

### ACTIVITIES

Is there a daily balance of play time, story time, activity time and nap time?

Yes

No

Are there activities right for each age group?

Are there enough toys and learning materials for the number of children?

Are toys clean, safe and within reach of the children?



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### IN GENERAL

	Yes	No
Do you agree with the discipline practices?		
Do you hear the sounds of happy children?		
Are children comforted when needed?		
Is the program licensed or regulated?		
Are surprise visits by parents encouraged?		
Is the space clean and good hygiene is practiced (such as frequent hand washing)		
Is there a balance of indoor and outdoor, individual and group activities		
Is the space divided into different areas for books, math, art, science and language?		
Do the activities offered hold the children's interest?		
Are there enough materials and planned activities so children are involved, interested and challenged without becoming frustrated?		
Are children given the option to work individually or in small groups?		
Will your child be happy in this program?		

### For more information call:

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