

## Questions to ask a Child Care Center

Is the center licensed? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, is the center inspected for fire, sanitation and health standards? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the fees? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the fees paid in advance? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Center accept state subsidy? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a co-pay? \_\_\_\_\_

What hours is the center open? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the licensed capacity of the center? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children will be in my child's group? \_\_\_\_\_

How many teachers will be responsible for my child's group? \_\_\_\_\_

How many staff have been at the center for more than a year? \_\_\_\_\_

Has there been much staff turnover in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the center's policies on sick and mildly ill children?

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What role do the parents play in the center? \_\_\_\_\_

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What experience or education does the staff have?

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Does the Director have training in early childhood education and management?

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What discipline method is used? \_\_\_\_\_

What will a typical day be like for my child?

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What days is the center closed? \_\_\_\_\_

How will we communicate about my child?

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### **Other Important Information**

If licensed, the center is monitored for many health and safety standards, including:

- number and ages of children (example: 1:4 for 0-2years, 1:8 for 2 years, 1:10 for 3-5 years, 1:16 for school age);
- equipment, furniture and materials;
- fire safety;
- sanitation;
- health and medical examinations of adults and children;
- training of providers;
- child abuse/neglect and criminal record screenings;



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