

2-1-1 Child Care Infoline



Parent Resources Quality Indicators for Parents

Is the environment child-centered?

- Are activities and toys age-appropriate?
- Are children's projects displayed at children's eye level?
- Is there child sized furniture?

Does the environment encourage positive social behavior?

- Are activities planned that encourage physical activity?
- Do caregivers provide reasons for rules?
- Would the noise level be comfortable for your child?

If infants are present, are their needs being met?

- Are diapering areas sanitary?
- Are toys and play areas sanitized daily?
- Are schedules flexible and designed to meet needs of individual infants?

Are children encouraged to feel good about themselves?

- Are children allowed choices throughout the day?
- Are the children happy and actively involved?
- Is independence encouraged?

Do you feel the program is a safe and comfortable place to be?

- Are the indoor and outdoor environments safe and clean for children?

- Are there enough adults for the group's size and age?
- Is there ample space?

Do other aspects of the facility meet your needs?

- Are parents encouraged to visit?
- Does the program follow an educational curriculum?
- Is a schedule of daily activities posted and followed?
- Is care consistent, or is there a great deal of turnover?
- Is the program accredited?

Source: <http://www.childcareinfo.org/choosingcare.asp>