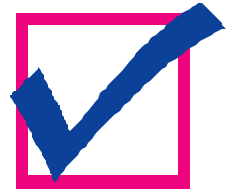


## Caregiver Checklist



Whatever type of child care you select, take the time to observe and question the potential caregivers. Use this checklist as your guide.

<i>Does the caregiver...</i>	YES	NO
Encourage parents to visit at any time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appear to be warm and friendly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seem calm and gentle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have a sense of humor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seem to be someone with whom you can develop a relaxed, sharing relationship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appear to be someone your child will like?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seem to feel good about himself or herself and the job?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have child rearing attitudes and methods that are similar to your own?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treat each child as a special person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understand what children can and want to do at different stages of growth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have the right materials and equipment on hand to help the children learn and grow mentally and physically?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide blocks, puzzles, lots of lively children books, plenty of craft supplies, etc?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patiently help children solve their problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide activities that encourage children to think things through, to explore?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organize the environment and experience to enrich the children's world?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage good health habits, such as washing hands before eating?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Talk to the children and encourage them to express themselves through words?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage the children to express themselves in creative ways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have art and music supplies suited to the ages of all children in care?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seem to have enough time to look after all the children in his or her care?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help the children know, accept and feel good about themselves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help the children learn to get along with and to respect other people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide a routine and rules the children can understand and follow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accept and respect each family's cultural values?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take time to discuss parents' concerns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have previous experience or training in working with children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**As a parent, you should feel that you are a part of the child care program you have chosen. After enrolling your child with a provider, regularly visit the school, center or home.**

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