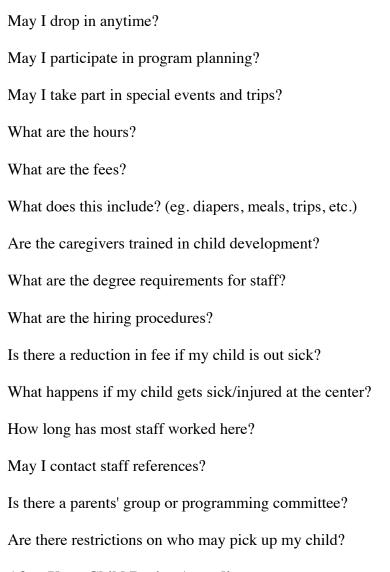
Child Care Facilities Checklist

<u>Staff</u>
Present children with respect, flexibility, and patience
Are able to meet your child's developmental and emotional needs
Are of a sufficient number to meet the needs of the children
Take time to discuss your child with you
Practices good personal hygiene
Have previous experience or training in working with children
Facility
Safe indoor and outdoor areas and equipment
Orderly, clean play areas
Airy rooms with bright colors
Sanitary bathrooms and diaper changing areas
Health and Safety
Comfortable temperatures summer and winter
Rounded table corners, other furniture safety features
Non-toxic play materials
First aid kit
Healthy snacks and/or meals
Clean kitchen area
Hand washing after toileting and before meals, snacks
Separate cribs for infants
Separate cots/mats for others
Cleaning materials, medicines, out of reach of children

<u>Program</u>
Mandated staff:child ratios (Infants 1:4 Young Toddlers 1:5 Older Toddlers 1:6 Preschoolers 1:10
Creative play
Plenty of play materials
Plenty of educational materials
Organized program of activities
Supervised rest time
Minimal, supervised TV, if any
Stories read
General
A license or certificate from the PA Department of Education and/or
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Rules are clearly explained
Positive behavior encouraged
Parental visiting encouraged
Children allowed to get dirty naturally through play
No children "left out"
Lots of laughing, caring, and sharing

Ask the Questions



After Your Child Begins Attending:

- Drop in unannounced and visit regularly
- Leave emergency contact information at the facility
- Set up two or three "back-up plans" in case of your child's sickness or your own

Copies of day care regulations can be obtained by calling the PA Department of Public Welfare Day Care Unit toll-free at 1-800-222-2117.

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