



What to look for & ask

when visiting a child care

Use this checklist to help determine if an early childhood service is high quality

Check:

- ✓ Do you feel welcome?
- ✓ Do the educators take time to speak with you and answer your questions?
- ✓ Do the educators get to your child's level and talk with them?
- ✓ Are the educators engaging with other children at the service in a warm manner?
- ✓ Is the service clean and hygienic?
- ✓ Is the outdoor environment inviting?
- ✓ Are there child sized equipment and resources available to children?
- ✓ Are the educators happy to discuss what they're doing to improve the quality of the service?

Ask:

- ? What kind of learning opportunities will my child have?
- ? How can I be involved in my child's program?
- ? Can I see a meal plan or this weeks menu?
- ? How long has the Centre Manager been employed?
- ? What qualifications do the staff have?
- ? What training and development do you provide for your educators?
- ? What is the educator retention like?
- ? What's the staff-to-child ratio?
- ? What is their quality rating?

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