

One of the most important decisions you make as a parent is choosing child care and early education. We want you to make an informed decision. Use this form to research and compare different child care/learning centers and find the best fit for you and your child.

PROGRAM ENVIRONMENT	Did you and your child find the program to be a welcoming, inviting environment, where the staff engaged with children in a positive manner?			
	Are there strict security procedures for entering the building and picking up the child?			
	What is the child to staff ratio and are enough adults in the rooms to allow for individual attention?			

LEARNING AND PROGRAMS	Does the program use a research-based and research-proven curriculum? a. Are programs age-appropriate with developmental objectives? b. Does the curriculum emphasize school readiness - such as self-help, self-regulation, positive social skills, language, literacy and math skills—based on state standards? c. Do children learn individually as well as in groups?			
	Is there a plan for assessing children and developmental goals throughout the year?			
	Does the program believe in building a strong circle of security between families and the children? Is parent involvement encouraged?			
	Do parents get regular updates about their child's daily activities and progress?			

FACILITY, STAFF, AND MATERIALS	Are teachers trained and certified in CPR, first aid, and infection control?			
	Are the staff educated with college-level courses in early childhood development? Do they participate in professional development training?			
	Did you find the building, classrooms, and equipment clean and in good working order?			

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER	Does the program provide healthy snacks such as fresh fruit and vegetables?			
	Are extracurricular activities offered such as field trips and family events?			
	Is there ample outdoor play space to encourage exploration and curiosity?			

COSTS	How much does it cost per week? Is there a sibling discount?			
	What is the registration fee and process for enrollment?			