



Workforce Solutions Child Care Services
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Checklist for Choosing a Child Care Facility

Health and Safety

- Is the facility's license or registration posted? Look at the last monitoring report.
- Does the facility participate in the Texas Rising Star or Texas School Ready programs?
- Does the staff have current CPR and First Aid training?
- Count the number of children per caregiver. Is the minimum standard being met?
- Is the menu for meals and snacks posted? Are they nutritious and varied?
- Are children given a daily health check?
- Is a daily check done of the environment – both inside areas and the playground?
- Can the caregivers see all the children at all times?

Caregivers

- What special training does the caregiver have about children in your child's age group?
- How long has the caregiver been working at the facility?
- Is the caregiver cheerful and pleasant to children and parents?
- Does the caregiver interact with the children at the child's eye level?

Children

- Do the children spend time each day in a variety of activities so that they use their thinking skills, their motor skills (big muscles and small muscles) and social skills?
- Are individuals treated with respect? Are differences seen as making people interesting?
- Are children comforted when needed and frequently given individual attention?
- What is the discipline policy? Is it fair and are there no exceptions? Do you agree with it?
- What will happen if your child becomes ill?
- Do you hear the sounds of happy, involved children?

Environment

- Are there enough toys and materials appropriate for the children's age group?
- Are toys and materials stored where children can easily get what they want to use?
- Are the decorations and learning materials at the child's height and not high on the wall?
- Is the space bright, colorful and pleasant to be in all day?
- Does the outdoor play area have equipment appropriate for your child's age group? Is the space divided for use by different age groups? Are there a variety of activities to do outside?

Parents

- Are you welcome to visit at any time?
- What opportunities are there for parents to be involved in the programs and activities?
- Are parent's ideas encouraged?

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

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- Have you checked the information about the immunizations a child needs?
- Have you checked the child care facility's inspection history?



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