



Questions for Child Care Providers

Below is a list of questions for parents to ask potential child care providers. If you would like to see any added, please email us at ff_familyresources@hotmail.com.

- 1) Why did you decide to become a childcare provider?
- 2) What do you like about being a childcare provider?
- 3) Are you licensed? If yes, how long?
- 4) What education do you and your staff have?
- 5) Do you have any other training? For example, first-aid, ECE, etc.?
- 6) Where is your daycare located? Is it a home based daycare?
- 7) Who is the main contact person for the centre and how can you be contacted?
- 8) What are your hours of operation?
- 9) Do you have extended hours for those who work non-traditional jobs?
- 10) Do you offer full-time, part-time or flexible care?
- 11) How many children do you care for?
- 12) Are there any admission conditions (i.e. immunizations, potty trained, etc.)?
- 13) What is the age range of children at your centre?
- 14) What is the ratio of children to adults?
- 15) What do you charge and what is included in the fee? Do you offer discounted rates? Subsidized?
- 16) What are parents expected to provide?
- 17) Can parents drop in throughout the day?
- 18) Are any meals/snacks provided for the children? If yes, what guidelines do you follow?
- 19) What is the daily schedule of the children? What would a typical day look like at your centre?
- 20) What are some of the things children learn while at your centre? What learning opportunities, special programs, or enrichment opportunities do you provide?
- 21) What is your policy regarding sick kids, safety, and discipline?
- 22) Do you make use of any other programs available in the area? If so, which ones and why?
- 23) Describe the feedback provided to parents at the day's end.
- 24) How do you handle emergencies?
- 25) Do you provide alternative care in case you are unavailable?
- 26) What is your staff turnover rate?
- 27) Is there any other information you would like to provide about your centre?

