

CHILD CARE CHECKLIST

Factors to consider when selecting child care:



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD CARE PROVIDER:

	YES	NO
Is the child care facility licensed by the Alabama Department of Human Resources? Find out where the DHR license is displayed. <i>(Some programs display the poster shown in the bottom right corner)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have criminal background checks been conducted on all employees that come in contact with the children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the teachers educated in early childhood education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do the teachers receive ongoing training in child care and development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there staff with current infant-child CPR and First Aid training?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there an emergency/evacuation plan in place in case of a fire or tornado?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

USE YOUR SENSES:

SIGHT

Is the space comfortable, clean, and safe inside and out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are children busily engaged in activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do the teachers get down on the child's level to interact?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there plenty of age-appropriate toys, books, art supplies, and blocks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do the children seem happy? Are they smiling and playing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the children being watched closely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SOUND

Do you hear music?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are caregivers laughing and playing with the children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SMELL

Take a deep breath. Is it fresh and clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke-free?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INTUITION

Does it feel inviting and warm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you want to spend the day there?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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