

Comparison Checklist

General

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the center have a current license? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were you and your child warmly greeted by the administrator and teacher? |

Center/Facility

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the environment inviting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are facilities and equipment clean and well-maintained? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the center have good lighting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the rooms orderly and easily supervised? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the indoor and outdoor spaces safe? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the restrooms and diaper changing areas sanitary? |

Caregiver/Teacher

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the staff enthusiastic? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the staff treat children with respect and patience? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the staff work as a team? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the caregivers/teachers listening to the children and working at the child's level? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the caregivers demonstrate stimulating and caring interaction with the children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the caregivers offer positive guidance when a child misbehaves? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the child's developmental and emotional needs being met? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the children seem happy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the caregivers have early childhood training, experience and/or degrees? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a caregiver training program? |

Programs/Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there proper child-staff ratios? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the activities age appropriate? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are new skills being encouraged? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there well-defined learning centers for: books, sand/water play, blocks, dress-up, housekeeping? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the daily schedule posted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do art materials and activities encourage creative expression? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the environment print-rich to encourage literacy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there adequate educational supplies and materials? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the center encourage science and other hands-on activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there opportunities for parent involvement? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is cultural diversity present? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children given opportunities for individual and small group activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are enrichment classes offered? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children encouraged to make choices and solve problems? |

Health/Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the temperature comfortable? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there separate cribs and cots for individual children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are medicines and cleaning materials out of reach of the children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are hands washed after toileting and before meals and snacks? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the food service area clean? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the menu posted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the meals balanced? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a fall-resistant surface under large playground equipment? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there an entry security system? |