

WHICH PROVIDER IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Finding the best child care is important for your child's future. We recommend that you visit at least 3 providers before you choose one.

Signs of Quality

What to Look For

Provider:

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What level is this provider in Paths to Quality?

Look for the program's Path to QUALITY decal / sign with this year's date.

Will the provider accept your CCDF voucher?

Explain that you are on the CCDF wait list

My child will always be with an adult who knows first aid and someone who can administer CPR is always onsite.

Ask staff to see current CPR and first aid certificates.

Everyone who has access to my child has had a national criminal background check.

Ask staff about the provider's background check procedures. (Unlicensed providers may not meet this standard.)

My child will be properly supervised.

Observe whether staff can always see and hear the children in care, even when they are sleeping or outside.

My child will be in a small group and will receive a lot of one-on-one attention.

Ask staff how the child-to-staff ratios are maintained during the day. Staff should know each child by name and engage children who are not participating.

My child will be disciplined in a way I agree with.

Watch staff interact with several children. Read the provider's discipline policy.

My child will be served healthy meals and snacks.

Ask staff to see menus of meals and snacks provided. Will your child have plenty to eat and healthy beverages throughout the day?

My child will have a safe and comfortable place to nap.

Ask to see where your child will sleep and how caregivers will help your child nap.

My child will be prepared to succeed in school.

Ask to review lesson plans and the curriculum. Ask staff to describe the learning goals of specific daily activities.

I can easily communicate with staff about my child and visit whenever I want.

Ask staff how you will get information about your child's day and when you can visit.

My child's caregiver has specialized education and ongoing training.

Ask what type of education your child's caregiver has received. Look for teachers with specialized degrees and/or certification. Look for programs that require at least 15 hours per year of on-going, specialized training.

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