

Finding a Child Care Provider Checklist

Trust your instincts to help you determine what is best for your family by interviewing providers for comparison.

Exploring these points will help you make an informed decision that meets your family's needs. The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the regulatory body for child care services but...

You are the expert in deciding what is best for you & your child.



Questions To Consider:

- Are you registered/licensed with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services?
- What is your experience & qualifications?
- Are you trained in CPR & first aid?
- What are your hours of operation?
- What is the cost and are there additional fees?
- How do you communicate with families?
- Can you provide references from other families?



- What does your typical day look like?
- How many children do you care for & what ages of children do you typically care for?
- What activities & materials do you provide for children to learn and play?
- How do you handle discipline & behavior issues?
- How do you keep kids safe & healthy?
- Do you provide meals & snacks?
- Do you participate in Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®)?

Items To Consider:

- * Provider Experience & Training
- * Schedule, Hours, Location
- * Learning Environment
- * Caregiver-Child Interaction
- * Staff-to-Child Ratio & Group Size
- * Age-Appropriate Activities/Daily Routines
- * Outdoor Play Areas & Physical Activities



- * Safety Measures & Emergency Procedures
- * Nutritious Meals & Snacks
- * Cost & Fees (Child Care Assistance)
- * Family Involvement & Feedback
- * Quality Indicators/IQ4K® Rating





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