



What to look for when visiting a child care facility

YES NO

Health & Environment

- Is the license or certificate posted?
- Is the facility bright, cheerful, clean and orderly?
- Are the indoor and outdoor play areas safe?
- Are poisons and medications and guns locked up?
- Are bathrooms adequate, clean and accessible?
- Are health assessments, immunizations, emergency information and medical treatment releases kept for all children in care?
- Are children with contagious diseases excluded from care?
- Is there a safety plan to follow in emergencies?
- How will I be notified if my child is being transported?
- Are precautions taken to assure children are released only to authorized adults?
- Are meals and snacks appropriate and nutritious?
- Do children brush their teeth and wash their hands regularly?
- Does the provider wash her hands regularly?
- If provider transports children, are there individual seat belts for each child and car seats or boosters for children under eight years?

Program

- Is the day structured to include varied activities which challenge thinking, stimulate creativity and develop physical and social skills?
- Is there a large variety of books, art materials, blocks, toys, games, puzzles, etc.?
- Are there adequate space and materials for both active and quiet play?
- Does provider talk to children, read aloud to them and answer their questions?
- Is the amount and content of television watching limited?

Parent Involvement

- Are parents encouraged to visit at any time?
- Does provider take time to talk to parents and make them feel welcome?
- Can parents get regular feedback on children's behavior? How?
- Are there opportunities for parent participation?

YES NO

Infants & Toddlers

- Is mental and physical stimulation provided by offering things to look at, touch and listen to?
- Is time spent holding, playing with, and talking to the babies?
- Are diapering and feeding sanitary?
- Does provider cooperate with parents' efforts to toilet train toddlers?

Provider

- Is the provider warm, calm and friendly in dealing with children and adults?
- Are positive discipline methods used?
- Are simple consistent limits of behavior set and maintained?
- Does the provider bend to the child's level when talking to him?
- Are children comforted when needed?
- Are different cultural values accepted and respected?
- Is the provider's family supportive of her work?
- Does the provider attend child care-related training?

Child Care facilities must be licensed or registered by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

If you are concerned about what you see at a child care facility, call the Health Department at 785-826-6600, ext. 103, 107, or 108.