Visits/Interviews

Child Care Center and Family Child Care Home Visits.

VISIT 1

Name of Center or Home Caregiver ____________________________ Date ________________

VISIT 2

Name of Center or Home Caregiver ____________________________ Date ________________

VISIT 3

Name of Center or Home Caregiver ____________________________ Date ________________

1 2 3 What to ask the caregiver/teacher.

□ □ □ What kind of experience do you have caring for children?
□ □ □ What kind of training have you had in early childhood development, first aid, CPR, nutrition?
□ □ □ Who will be caring for my child?
□ □ □ How many children does each caregiver handle?
□ □ □ How long have your caregivers been with you?
□ □ □ What kinds of indoor and outdoor activities do you have for kids who are my child’s age?
□ □ □ What is your daily routine?
□ □ □ Who provides children’s meals and snacks. Can I see a weekly menu?
□ □ □ How will you make certain my child gets individual attention?
□ □ □ What do you do if a child hits, bites another child, is uncooperative or has other problems requiring discipline?
□ □ □ How do you soothe a child who is crying or upset?
□ □ □ What is your approach to toilet training?
□ □ □ Do you take children on field trips? Is permission required?
□ □ □ What are the hours and days you offer care? What if I can’t pick up my child on time?
□ □ □ What are your fees? When do I pay them? Are there any added fees?
□ □ □ Do I have to pay if a child is absent or on vacation? Is there a discount if more than one child is enrolled?
□ □ □ Are there written contracts, emergency and sickness plans?
□ □ □ Do you have backup care if you are sick or have an emergency?
□ □ □ What do you do if a child is sick, hurt or has an emergency? Does the caregiver have first aid and CPR training?
□ □ □ What kinds of health and medical information do you require?
□ □ □ How will you communicate with me about my child’s progress?
□ □ □ Do you encourage parents to be involved? If so, how are they involved?
□ □ □ What are the phone numbers of other parents I can contact?

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1 2 3 What to look for in the center or home.

- Do the children seem happy and comfortable?
- Do the teachers seem to really like the children?
- Are the teachers warm and friendly?
- Do the teachers talk and play with the children?
- Do the teachers meet the children’s needs quickly even when they’re busy?
- Do the babies held and cuddled?
- Do the teachers set limits consistently and gently?
- Do the teachers work well with each other?
- Are the activities right for the children’s ages?
- Is there time for play, stories, activities, meals and naps?
- Do they offer activities that encourage learning and growth?
- Is the place bright and cheerful.
- Is it safe and secure? (Does it have smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, window guards, stair gates, covered radiators, capped outlets, unbroken toys and equipment, fenced play area)
- Are the meals healthy and nutritious?
- Are medicines and cleaning products out of reach of the children?
- Is the place clean - especially eating, bathroom and diapering areas?
- Is there enough space for indoor and outdoor activities?

1 2 3 What to ask yourself.

- Will my child fit in here?
- Do I like their approach to learning, play and discipline?
- Can I easily talk with the staff about my child?
- Do I feel comfortable here?
- Is the location convenient for me?
- Do the costs, hours and policies meet my needs?

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