

ABC Early Learning Academy Childcare Checklist

1. Do the children seem to be enjoying themselves?
2. Is the group size within the limits that the state has set?
3. What is the center's licensed capacity?
4. Does the caregiver appear to relate comfortably and personally to the children in her care?
5. Does the caregiver pay attention to and respond to the emotional and physical needs of each child?
6. Do the caregivers attend training courses?
7. Is the caregiver or center accredited?
8. Does the daily schedule include active and quiet play, rest time, and outdoor play?
9. Do the children have time to finish their projects?
10. Are the children allowed the time and space for individual play?
11. Are there sufficient and appropriate toys and equipment for a variety of play experiences? Are there small and large toys? Are there toys for pretend and group play?
12. Are you comfortable with the kind of food served at each meal? Is the menu balanced?
13. Is meal time pleasant?
14. Is the kitchen clear? Are you comfortable with the food handling procedures? Is there proper supervision for children while meals are being prepared?

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15. Are you comfortable with the cleanliness of the center or home?

16. Are the indoor and outdoor play areas free of hazards?

17. Is the setting sanitary, attractive, and well-lit?

18. Does the outside area (and any equipment) safely accommodate climbing, sliding, jumping, running, and balancing activities?

19. Is the diaper-changing area near running water and away from food storage/preparation area?

20. Do the caregivers wash their hands after diapering each child?

21. What is the program's policy on the exclusion of sick children?

22. How are parents notified about outbreaks of communicable diseases?

23. Does the center or family child care home offer an environment and activities to show pride in diverse cultures, identities, and achievements?

24. Does the center or family child care home offer parent meetings? Are they warm and interesting? Are parents involved in planning?

25. Before enrolling your child, make sure you understand the child care provider's rules and policies. Be clear on issues like absences, fees, schedules, holidays, illnesses, late charges, and the number of days' notice required for termination.