

Use this checklist to help you evaluate the best childcare program for your child.

ABOUT THE STAFF...	Bright Beginnings	Provider #2	Provider #3	HEALTH AND SAFETY...	Bright Beginnings	Provider #2	Provider #3
Are they warm, friendly and supportive?				Are Emergency numbers & Evacuation plans posted?			
Do they treat each child as a special person?				Are toys and materials disinfected on a regular basis?			
Do they have training and experience working with children?				Is the environment clean, comfortable and orientated to children?			
Do they respect and accept different cultural values?				Is a staff member with CPR & First Aid available?			
Do they listen to children, talk with them and get down to the child's level?				Is there a strict and enforced policy in place for releasing children to people other than parents?			
Is there frequent and consistent communication between staff and parents regarding the child's development, along with scheduled conferences?				Do caregivers wash hands before and after diapering, toileting, handling food and after blowing noses?			
Does management support the staff and work with them?				How are medications administered to children?			
THE PROGRAM...	Bright Beginnings	Provider #2	Provider #3	CHILD CARING APPROACH...	Bright Beginnings	Provider #2	Provider #3
Do the children in the program seem relaxed & happy?				Do they encourage children to express themselves?			
Is there time planned for...Active & quiet play, indoor & outdoor play, artistic or musical expression, reading or story telling, naps or rest time, snacks & meals?				Do they help children who are angry or fearful work out their feelings?			
Are nutritious meals & snacks served are menus posted & any changes made noted on the menu?				Do they encourage self-help and independence?			
Does the program offer opportunities to...learn to get along, to share, to respect differences?				Are all children encouraged to challenge themselves and try new things?			
Is there opportunity to develop talents; feel good about their self?				Do they handle each situation in a positive manner?			
Are Parent Conferences offered?				AS A PARENT...			
Do they encourage parent participation?				Tell the caregiver about your child's needs, fear, etc.			
Do they use community resources to help provide information to parents?				Drop in now and then. Ask questions when you have concerns.			