

# Daycare Checklist

All parents want the best for baby, meaning the best daycare centers can fill up quickly. Get a jumpstart on finding the perfect daycare facility for your little one. **This checklist will help.**



## Operations & Logistics

- What are your hours of operation?
- What are your costs and what's included?
- Do you currently have openings?
- Can I choose from a full-time or part-time schedule?
- Do I pay for days that I do not use (sickness or travel)?
- On which days is the program closed?
- Is feeding scheduled or on demand?
- How can we secure a spot for our baby?

## Health/Safety

- What's your policy for dealing with sick children?
- Are immunizations required for attendance?
- Are there individual cribs for infants?
- Is there a designated room for napping?
- Is the facility childproofed, and how so?
- Are there smoke detectors and fire extinguishers?
- How do you handle emergency evacuations and evacuation drills?
- What security measures does the facility take to ensure child safety?
- Is the staff trained in First Aid and CPR?

## Curriculum

- What type of enrichment do you provide infants?
- Where do infants spend the majority of their time?
- Can you describe a typical day for an infant in your program?
- Are infants grouped by age or developmental level?
- Do infants receive supervised rest/nap time?
- How is discipline handled?
- How much time is spent reading to the infants?
- Can parents participate in program planning?
- Does music play a role in the curriculum?
- Will I receive daily reports about my child?

## Staff

- What level of staff training and accreditation is required? Is it ongoing?
- How much professional experience do the staff members have?
- Are references available for your facility and staff?
- What are the hiring procedures and criteria?
- What is the staff/child ratio?