

Use this checklist to help you evaluate the best Childcare or Learning Center for your child.

| ABOUT THE STAFF... | Bright Beginnings | Provider #2 | Provider #3 | HEALTH AND SAFETY... | Bright Beginnings | Provider #2 | Provider #3 |
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| Are they warm, friendly and supportive? Professional and approachable? |  | | | Emergency Numbers, Posters & Evacuation plans are posted and practiced monthly? | | | |
| Is each child treated as a unique individual? | | | | Are toys and equipment disinfected on a daily and/or weekly basis? Toys/equip. in good working condition. | | | |
| Are they educated and have experience working with children? | | | | Is the environment clean, comfortable and safe for children? | | | |
| Are different cultural values respected and accommodations made? | | | | Do they have a professional cleaning company come in to clean the entire facility? |  | | |
| Do they listen to children, talk with them and get down to the child's level? | | | | Is there a strict, enforced policy in place for releasing children to someone other than the parent? | | | |
| Is there frequent and consistent communication between staff and parents regarding the child's development? | | | | Do caregivers follow the strict regulations of Young Star in curriculum, assessments, documentation, equipment, and sanitation/proper hygiene? |  | | |
| Is the staff supported by management? | | | | How are medications administered to children? Who administers? Is it documented? | | | |
| Are staff members certified with CPR, First Aid, Shaken Baby Syndrome/SIDS, Abuse and Neglect training, WEMLS, SEFEL, Inclusion?  | | | | Do they have security locked doors on the way in and on the way out? Do they have cameras in the classrooms and the on playgrounds and audio surveillance in the classrooms? Keep outside classroom does locked. | | | |
| THE PROGRAM... | Bright Beginnings | Provider #2 | Provider #3 | LEARNING APPROACH... | Bright Beginnings | Provider #2 | Provider #3 |
| Are the children busy and happy? | | | | Do they encourage children to express themselves? | | | |
| Is there time planned for active/quiet play, indoor/outdoor play and activities, artistic expression, reading, science and math, naps /rest time, snacks and meals? | | | | Do they help children who are angry or fearful work out/talk through their feelings? Do they teach through play? Teach values? Snuggle. Remember their just kids being kids. 😊 |  | | |
| Do they serve nutritious meals and snacks and use fresh fruits and vegetables? Menu has large variety of different meals. | | | | Do they encourage self-help and independence? Do they know the developmental stages of children and plan activities to help them learn and grow? | | | |
| Does the program offer opportunities in learning to get along with peers, use manners and respect differences? | | | | Are all children encouraged to challenge themselves and try new things? | | | |
| Is there opportunity to develop individual talents; feel proud of themself? | | | | Do they handle each situation in a positive manner? | | | |
| Parent Conferences and Assessments offered 2 times per year? Portfolios kept on children. |  | | | AS A PARENT... | | | |
| Center encourages parent participation? Family Night activities/parties? | | | | Parents encouraged to tell the caregiver about child's needs, likes, dislikes or fears, etc. | | | |
| Do they use community resources to help provide information to parents? | | | | Parents are encouraged to stop in any time. Have Breakfast, Lunch or Snack with their child. Just come hang out or read a book to the group. Snuggle with your baby. |  | | |

