

## Quality Childcare Checklist

**We make choosing the best environment for your child an easy choice.**

We realize the tremendous level of trust you place in a childcare provider. You want your child to thrive in an environment that's as clean, safe and nurturing as your home. Kiddie Academy sets the standards for safety, education and trust.

### CHILD'S EXPERIENCE

- What is the background and training of teachers and staff?
- What is the teacher to child ratio?
- Is the educational philosophy one that will fit with your child?
- Does the curriculum balance education and play appropriately?
- What is the amount of time spent outdoors?
- Is a significant amount of the day dedicated to physical fitness?
- How are nutritious meals and snacks incorporated into your child's everyday routine?

### EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- Has the child/day care center provided state-of-the-art, developmentally appropriate educational tools and aids?
- Does playground equipment meet federal and safety standards?
- Have learning aids and furniture been designed for maximum comfort and learning?
- Are detailed inspections and evaluations of the day care facility performed before any piece of equipment is brought onto the premises?

### CLEANLINESS

- Does the daycare center appear exceptionally clean, both inside and outside?
- Are there established guidelines for sanitizing the diapering stations, bathrooms, kitchens, toys and tables?
- Is there a janitorial service hired to thoroughly sanitize and cleanse the entire facility on a regular basis?
- When you walk around the daycare center does it smell fresh and clean?

### PARENT PARTNERSHIP

- How involved do you feel you will be with your child's experience at the daycare center?
- What kind of constant communication does the center promise?
- How open are the teachers and staff about talking with you?
- Are they willing to share information about your child's activities daily?

## HEALTH AND SAFETY FEATURES

- Do all entries and exits provide secure/controlled access?
- Are there established fire alarms/security systems/evacuation procedures posted?
- Is there stable fencing surrounding the entire facility?
- Does the daycare center have security cameras and/or webcams?
- Is there a well-established health and safety program?
- Is a health check performed every morning by each child's teacher to look for signs and symptoms of illness?
- Have all staff members and teachers had background checks?
- Are door safety protection devices installed on all doors?

## FLOOR PLAN

- Does the daycare center layout allow for constant sight and sound contact with your child?
- Is the childcare classroom configuration one that promotes safe learning and encourages creativity?