

Quality Child Care

Quality child care offers healthy, social, and educational experiences under qualified supervision in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Children in these settings participate in daily, age-appropriate activities that help develop essential skills, build independence and instill self-respect.

When evaluating the quality of a child care setting, the following indicators should be considered:

Quality Caregivers

- ✓ Are friendly and eager to care for children.
- ✓ Accept family cultural and ethnic differences.
- ✓ Are warm, understanding, encouraging, and responsive to each child's individual needs.
- ✓ Use a pleasant tone of voice and frequently hold, cuddle, and talk to the children.
- ✓ Help children manage their behavior in a positive, constructive, and non-threatening manner.
- ✓ Allow children to play alone or in small groups.
- ✓ Are attentive to and interact with the children.
- ✓ Provide stimulating, interesting, and educational activities.
- ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of social and emotional needs and developmental tasks for all children.
- ✓ Communicate with parents.

Quality Environments

- ✓ Are clean, safe, inviting, comfortable, and child-friendly.
- ✓ Provide easy access to age-appropriate toys.
- ✓ Display children's activities and creations.
- ✓ Provide a safe and secure environment that fosters the growing independence of all children.

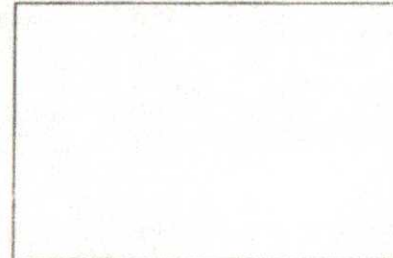
Quality Activities

- ✓ Are children initiated and teacher facilitated.
- ✓ Include social interchanges with all children.
- ✓ Are expressive including play, painting, drawing, story telling, music, dancing, and other varied activities.
- ✓ Include exercise and coordination development.
- ✓ Include free play and organized activities.
- ✓ Include opportunities for all children to read, be creative, explore, and problem-solve.



To report suspected or actual cases of child abuse or neglect, please call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-962-2873.

For additional information, please visit www.myflorida.com/childcare or contact your local licensing office below:



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