

Quality Early Childhood Program Checklist

Making an informed decision about child care can be a daunting task. We believe that every family should feel comfortable knowing their children are safe, nurtured, and prepared for Kindergarten. We've created an in-depth checklist to help narrow down your options. Print out and use it to compare child care programs as you visit various facilities. Only the highest quality programs will get all the "Yes" boxes checked. *Save the best for last:* We suggest that you visit other facilities first and then visit Honey Bear; you'll be pleasantly surprised with the difference!

1. Is the program *currently* State of CT licensed?..... Yes No
 2. Are the license & current State inspection report visibly posted?..... Yes No
(If not, ask to see copies.)
 3. Is the program *currently* NAEYC accredited?..... Yes No
 4. When is the expiration date?..... _____
 5. Is the program a certified "School Readiness" center by the
CT State Dept. of Education?..... Yes No
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6. Do *all* teachers have at least a CDA or Early Childhood college degree?..... Yes No
 7. Are *all* staff currently certified in Pedi 1st Aide & CPR?..... Yes No
 8. Are at least 2 staff certified for epi-pen & medication administration?..... Yes No
 9. Do *all* teachers attend professional development workshops (continuing education),
including serving children with special needs?..... Yes No
 10. Do *all* teachers receive annual mandated reporting training for child abuse from the
CT State Dept. of Children & Families?..... Yes No
 11. Do teachers annually evaluate their performance standards and set
professional goals?..... Yes No
 12. Are teachers friendly, courteous & respectful to children, families, and each other? Yes No
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13. Does the child to teacher ratio meet or beat the State's 10 to 1 ratio?..... Yes No
 14. Are there individual assessment portfolios documenting children's
developmental progress?..... Yes No
 15. Are there parent/teacher conferences at least 3x per year?..... Yes No
 16. Is there an annual parent survey so families can rate the center?..... Yes No
 17. Is there a child sign-in sheet & a safety system in place insuring that only
parent-authorized people can pick-up children? Yes No
 18. Is the facility in a quiet, residential neighborhood?..... Yes No
 19. Are there *numerous* outdoor play yards with lots of age appropriate,
safety cushioned play equipment? Yes No
 20. Upon registration do families receive comprehensive packets with forms
detailing center policies?..... Yes No
 21. Does the center feel like a positive place for a child to be and for teachers to
be with the children all day?..... Yes No



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