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Infant/Toddler Child Care Checklist

Questions to consider about the Provider(s).....

Yes No

- Is the provider gentle, loving and friendly? Does the provider seem to enjoy the children? Does the provider talk, play, comfort and seek eye contact with your child?
- Does the provider respond to your infant's or toddler's cues to be fed and changed?
- Does the provider understand your infant's or toddler's individuality? Does the provider encourage and understand each child's development?
- Does the provider encourage you toddler's independence in daily tasks (washing hands and eating, etc.)? Are the toddlers able to make choices?
- Can the provider handle conflicts without losing patience, shaming a child, or frequently displaying anger?
- Does each child receive the provider's undivided attention?
- Does your infant or toddler respond well to the provider?
- Do you agree with the provider's discipline, toilet training and feeding policies?
- Is the provider flexible and understanding enough to adjust to the various moods of the children?

About the environment.....

Yes No

- Is the environment safe and clean? Are there working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers?
- Are the furniture and equipment in good condition (no broken or missing pieces, etc.)? Is there enough of both to accommodate the children?
- Are any dangerous items (cleaning supplies, medicine, kitchen knives) stored out of the reach of the children? Do the cabinets have child proof locks on them?
- Are the toys safe and interesting to your infant or toddler? Are there enough toys for the number of children in the group? Are there a variety of activities planned? Are the activities appropriate for the different ages?
- Do the children go outside when the weather permits? Is there a safe yard or a neighborhood playground?
- Does the provider have a diapering station? Is it located where the provider can supervise the other children? Does the provider sanitize the surface? Does the provider wear gloves and wash hands?
- Does each infant have a separate crib or playpen for naps? Does the crib meet the safety guidelines? Is



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there a quiet place for the infants to sleep? Are the sheets washed regularly?

Yes No

- Is the floor kept clean and free of small objects?
- Is the environment homey, comfortable and soothing? Is the environment well ventilated and heated appropriately? Does it have the appropriate lighting?
- Does the provider have potty seats and foot stools for toilet training?
- Does the provider cut up the food into bite size pieces?
- Is the cooking area sectioned off for the safety of the children?
- Are the infants and toddlers allowed to explore the environment? Does the environment stimulate and promote learning? Is there room for the children to move around even during sleep?
- Are you welcome to visit the home or center at any time?

Other topics to discuss.....

Yes No

- What type of food is served or do you provide you child's food? Do you need to provide you child's food? Do you need to provide diaper and wipes, etc.?
- Does the provider accept breast milk or do you need to provide formula? Will the bottles be properly labeled? Will the provider maintain your infant's feeding schedule?
- Does the provider respect the individual language, culture and values of your family?



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