

Child Care Center Checklist

A checklist for selecting a quality child care program.



Did you know that research is now available that can help guardians like you make healthy child care choices for their children? When you visit a child care program, take a moment to complete this quick checklist to help you in deciding on the care of your choice.

This checklist is a great guide! If you answer “yes” to most or all of these questions, then your child will have a greater chance of having a successful child care experience!



**Southeastern Oklahoma
State University**

Child Care Resource & Referral Center



YES

NO

QUESTIONS

Do child care teachers/director have credentials and degrees in early childhood education or child development? If not, are they enrolled in courses or taking to earn them?

Does the child care facility look clean and safe?

Is there a posted Lesson Plan with appropriate activities as well as a posted Schedule outlining their day?

Are there low child/teacher ratios so that children can receive lots of individual attention all day?

Does the child care center offer family involvement opportunities? Are Parent's always welcome?

Does the child care center have a low turnover of teachers?

Does the center meet higher than minimal licensure standards by either having a 2 or 3 star rated license or a national accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)?

1.800.438.0008

We are here to help you! As you search for quality care, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that you might have or if you need any additional assistance in finding a child care program that meets your family's needs.