

# Quality Childcare Checklist

This list will help you make sure the daycare program you choose has all the right features to help them grow and succeed.

- ☑ Licensed by the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or other licensing agency
- ☑ Maintains quality certifications, such as NAEYC and ExceleRate
- ☑ An adequate number of staff who are sensitive and responsive to children
- ☑ Developmental goals are set and shared with parents
- ☑ An assessment system is utilized and results are reported to parents
- ☑ Provides nutritious meals
- ☑ Child friendly and play-based environment
- ☑ Opportunities for active play—especially outdoors
- ☑ Opportunities for quiet play and rest
- ☑ Opportunities for developing motor, social, language and cognitive skills through play
- ☑ Both staff and children have positive interactions with adults
- ☑ Practices that support positive interaction amongst children
- ☑ Facilitation of emotional growth
- ☑ Respect for diversity and difference, gender equality and inclusion of children with disabilities

