

Top 6 Child Care Quality Indicators



Proper Adult-to-Child Ratio

A smaller number of children per adult is particularly important for infants and younger children.



Small Group Settings

Generally, the child care quality is higher as the group size gets smaller. The fewer children in a group, the more attention each child will get from the caregiver.



Meets Health and Safety Requirements

A safe child care program puts health and safety first. The environment should be organized, clean and safe (inside and out), and safe health practices should be consistently followed.



Provider Education & Training

Studies show that the more education and training a provider has, the greater the impact on a child's academic and social development.



Low Staff Turnover

When employees leave their jobs or change classrooms often in child care, children are affected. Quality providers try to avoid excessive staff changes.



Accreditation

Accredited child care meets higher quality standards set by a national organization. These child care programs have met standards beyond those established by the state licensing agency.

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