

# 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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