

Ask these questions to evaluate your child care options:

•	Does the person who will be caring for your child have special training in early childhood education, First Aid and CPR?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	How long has the child care provider been providing child care?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	If there is more than one child care provider in the setting, is the total number of children in the group still small (group size)?				
	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ I don't know		
•	Is one child care provider caring for just a few children (low child/adult ratio)?				
	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ I don't know		
•	If you are considering a more formal child care program, is it state licensed or regulated is it nationally accredited?				
	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ I don't know		
•	Have satisfactory criminal his sent?	tory background chec	ks been conducted on each adult pre-		
	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ I don't know		
•	Has the program been inspected by the licensing agency within the last 12 months?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
Does the child care provider welcome drop-in visits, parent ideas and involve					
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		

•	Does the child care provider get on the children's eye level to talk with them and give them lots of attention and encouragement?			and give	
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	Are there planned activities for children to do as well as lots of time for free play?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	Are materials-such as books, blocks, toys and art supplies-available to children all day long?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	Does the place look clean and safe and does everyone wash his or her hands often?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	Does the child care provider have written policies and procedures, including emergence plans?				
	☐ Yes	\square No	☐ I don't know		
•	Does the child care provider have references?				
	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ I don't know		
•	You know your child best - will your child be happy there?				
	☐ Yes	□ No	☐ I don't know		