

# CHECK LIST FOR COMPARING QUALITY DAY CARE CENTERS

## LEARNING & NURTURING

- Is there a structured program you can see in action?
- Is the program adapted to children at different levels of development?
- Do children have ample time to play and explore?
- Is there story time everyday?
- Is the class room decorated with children's artwork, handwriting and stories.
- Do children get to go outside everyday (weather permitting)?

## HEALTH & SAFETY

- Is the center licensed?
- Is the building safe, clean and well-maintained?
- Is there a safety plan in place in case of emergency?
- Are there secure pick-up/drop-off procedures in place?
- Are children adequately supervised?
- Are caregivers trained in CPR and first aid?
- Are sick children are contagious kept at home?
- Are immunizations required?

## COMMUNICATION

- Are you allowed to visit your child anytime you want?
- Is there daily communication about your child's day?
- Are assessments done to measure your child's growth and development at least twice a year.

## AVAILABILITY

- What ages are accepted?
- Are there any openings?
- Is there a waiting list?
- What are hours for full time or part time care?
- Is child care close to work?
- Is transportation provided for before an after-school programs?
- Is child care close to home?
- When are fees due? How much?
- Are there different fees for part time or full time care?
- Is there still a charge when a child is sick or on vacation.



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The staff at Lil' Red Hen realizes what a difficult transition it is in finding a new childcare facility that will allow your child to experience a structured ,loving, learning environment as well as a place you feel comfortable while you are at work. Since 1985 that has been our goal. Please feel free to print this form to use on your quest. If at any time you have questions call Ms. Anne or Mr. Tom at 302-846-2777

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