



Ryker's Requests for Child Care



Things to consider when choosing child care:

1. Verify Licensure/Certification:

- Ensure the provider holds valid licensure/certification.
- Look for the license or certificate on display.
- Use Kynect (https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/child-care-provider?language=en_US&language=en%20US&origin=program-page) to check the provider's history.

2. Conduct Observation:

- Schedule a meeting with the provider and observe interactions.
- Assess if surprise visits are allowed.
- Observe how the provider interacts with other children.
- Ensure continuous supervision, even during nap times.

3. Inspect the Environment:

- Tour both indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Evaluate cleanliness and safety measures.
- Determine what resources are available for your child.

4. Understand Sleeping Arrangements:

- Discuss where and how children, including babies, nap.
- Determine the sleeping arrangements and equipment used.

5. Inquire About Additional Caregivers:

- Ask about other individuals providing care or residing in the home/center.

6. Background Checks:

- Confirm if the provider and other individuals undergo background checks.

7. Request References:

- Seek references from other parents or guardians.

8. Ensure CPR/First Aid Certification:

- Verify that the provider possesses CPR and First Aid certification.

9. Assess Age-Appropriate Equipment:

- Check if the facility has equipment suitable for your child's age.

10. Emergency Preparedness:

- Inquire about the provider's plans for emergencies and illnesses.