Your Child Deserves Child Care from the Heart

Just like you, we’re dedicated to providing your child the very best, loving care!

- Winner of the prestigious Wisconsin “Center of Excellence” Award
- Loving tender care
- Educated, experienced and licensed caregivers
- 3K & 4K Programs
- Stimulating, age-appropriate curriculum
- Clean, safe and well-equipped locations
- Full- and part-time care
- Before & After School Programs
- Summer Programs for all ages
- Virtues from the Heart Program

Locations

DOWNTOWN: 340 W. St. Paul Ave. (414) 224-0990
SOUTHSIDE: 1496 S. 29th St. (414) 643-5699
OAK CREEK: 220 W. Forest Hill Ave. (414) 768-0151
WEST ALLIS/WAUWATOSA: 1136 S. 108th Street (414) 210-4541

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Quality Child Care Checklist

Choosing a child care center is a very important decision for every family. Making comparisons between different facilities and programs should be done. In order to find a high quality Early Care and Education Program, utilize this checklist. Ask the centers that you visit to answer the following questions. Also, observe the classrooms at each location. Select a center that meets your family’s needs.

Teachers:
1. Are teachers trained in Early Childhood Education? CPR? First Aid?
2. Are teacher-to-child ratios met?
3. Are parents informed and questions answered on a daily basis?
4. Are children greeted when they arrive?
5. Do the teachers get down on each child’s level to speak with the child?
6. Do the teachers genuinely seem to enjoy working with the children?
7. Are children’s needs quickly met?
8. Do the children arrive when they get up?
9. Do the children in the programs seem relaxed and happy?
10. Do children respect individual differences among the children?
11. Are thorough criminal background checks done for each staff member? Reference checks? Fingerprinting?
12. What is the facility’s YoungStar Rating?
13. What are the most recent licensing violations? (They should be posted.)

Activities:
1. Is there a regular daily schedule including both indoor and outdoor activities and a rest period?
2. Are activities geared for different developmental levels?
3. Are there enough toys and learning materials for the number of children?
4. Are there field trips for the 3K/4K and school-age children?
5. Are there materials that can be used to develop fine motor skills? Gross motor skills? Imagination? Creativity? Simple science concepts? Language skills? Interpersonal skills? Emotional development?
6. When children are transported in center vehicles, are seat belts or age-appropriate car seats used?

Nutrition:
1. Is the food preparation area clean and sanitary?
2. Are menus posted in advance providing nutritionally balanced meals and snacks?
3. Do the teachers and children wash hands before eating and preparing meals?
4. Are accommodations made for food allergies, intolerances, etc.?
5. Are family style meals served and socialization encouraged?

Physical Environment/Safety:
1. Is the atmosphere bright, cheerful and inviting to children?
2. Are games, toys, etc., accessible to children?
3. Are there different areas for resting, quiet play, and active play?
4. Are the play areas clean and large enough so children can move freely and safely?
5. Is play equipment (indoor and outdoor) sturdy and in good repair?
6. Are bathrooms clean, sanitary and accessible to children?
7. Is there adequate heat, ventilation, and lighting?
8. Are emergency telephone numbers posted by the telephones?
9. Are fire safety drills practiced? Tornado drills?
10. Are unused electrical sockets covered with safety caps?
11. Are there any dangerous items stored away from children?
12. Is there a strict policy in place for releasing children to people other than their parents/guardians?
13. Do teachers wash hands before and after diapering, toileting, wiping noses, and when handling food?
14. Is there a policy regarding illnesses and administering medication?