



Quality Child Care Checklist

Take this checklist with you when researching the best child care selection for your family.

Name of Center: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

License rating: _____ (License should be visibly displayed)

Hours of operation: _____

Cost of care Infants: _____ Preschool: _____

 Toddlers: _____ School Age: _____

Staff/child ratios Infants: _____ Preschool: _____

 Toddlers: _____ School Age: _____

Child care providers interact positively with children? Yes _____ No _____

Conflict handled in a positive manner? Yes _____ No _____

Space for active play and space for quiet play? Yes _____ No _____

Variety of toys for various ages? Yes _____ No _____

Limited television time? Yes _____ No _____

Opportunity to play outside every day? Yes _____ No _____

Fenced outdoor play area? Yes _____ No _____

Shade available? Yes _____ No _____

Frequent handwashing? Yes _____ No _____

Nutritious snacks? Yes _____ No _____

First Aid/CPR trained staff? Yes _____ No _____

Staff training in Child Development/Education? Yes _____ No _____

Current schedule posted? Yes _____ No _____

Posted evacuation plan? Yes _____ No _____

Fire extinguisher and smoke alarms? Yes _____ No _____

Covered electrical outlets? Yes _____ No _____

First Aid kits? Yes _____ No _____

Is *your* initial reaction positive? Yes _____ No _____

About Star Ratings

The star-rated license is a voluntary licensing system in which a child care program earns points in three different areas: program standards, staff education and compliance history with child care regulations.

Program standards considers staff to child ratios, the number of activities in classrooms, square footage of classrooms, operating policies, and scores from an environment rating scale. Staff Education is based on the education of all staff. Compliance History is calculated by reviewing the number of violations cited during the last three years.

Each of these areas has a range of one through five points. The star rating is based on the total points earned.

For more information visit the North Carolina Division of Child Development at ncchildcare.net.

Shows the number of stars earned (shaded) out of the number of stars possible (blank)

Shows the name and physical location of the program

Shows how many points the program earned in each of the three components

Shows basic licensing information such as number of children allowed, ages allowed, any restrictions

Number of Stars	Total Points
★	3-4 points
★ ★	5-7 points
★ ★ ★	8-10 points
★ ★ ★ ★	11-13 points
★ ★ ★ ★ ★	14-15 points

