

Families

Start Your Child Card Search

Final Checklist

You can print off this list and take it with you when you interview prospective programs.

- Is there a substitute or assistant? What are their credentials?
- The license or registration certificate that indicates the number of child the program can serve should be posted.
- The facility should be clean and arranged in an orderly manner.
- The outdoor play area should be safe, with space for the children to play freely.
- Ask to review the Notice of Survey Findings showing results of the latest inspection by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- Disciplinary methods should be consistent and acceptable. Spanking is against Kansas child care regulations. A copy of the discipline policy should be posted or given to parents in writing.
- Interactions between the provider and children should be warm and appropriate. Children should be treated with respect and valued as individuals. The caregiver should set reasonable and consistent limits, as well as respond promptly if a child is in distress or needs assistance.
- Children should be supervised at all times.
- A daily schedule should be followed that has a balance of active and quiet activities, with activities that are age-appropriate.
- The facility should have enough games, puzzles, blocks, dress-up clothes, books and are materials to allow children to select activities that interest them.
- Nutritious meals and snacks should be served. Foods that can cause choking should not be served.
- Health and safety practices should be established and followed. Poisons and other dangerous substances should be locked up.
- All children and adults in the childcare facility should wash their hands frequently.
- There should be no smoking in the facility during business hours.