



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Department of Health

DAY CARE CENTRES

What Parents Should Ask ...

1. Is the Day care centre licensed by the Department of Health? (Ask to see the certificate.)	YES	NO
2. Is the Person-In-Charge certified? (Ask to see the certificate.)	YES	NO
3. Is there a certified Deputy-Person-In-Charge when the Person-In-Charge is not on the premises? (Ask to see the certificate.)	YES	NO
4. Can you visit the facility during normal operating hours before registering your child in the program?	YES	NO
5. Will the staff allow you to examine the area that your child has access to?	YES	NO
6. Can you visit whenever you wish? (When children are there.)	YES	NO
7. Is there a written plan for play and learning activities? (Ask to see it.)	YES	NO
8. Are there regular opportunities for inside and outside play, and are children supervised at all times?	YES	NO
9. Is television viewing limited to short times and child-appropriate programmes?	YES	NO
10. Does the Day care centre regularly meet with parents? (Ask how often.)	YES	NO
11. Is there a written policy concerning discipline? (Ask for a copy.)	YES	NO
12. Are there written policies for the care of ill children? (Ask for a copy.)	YES	NO
13. Is there an area where ill children can receive care until parents pick them up?	YES	NO
14. Will the caregivers give prescribed medications to your children?	YES	NO
15. Is there a paediatrician who is a consultant for the child care programme?	YES	NO
16. Has staff had training in first aid, CPR, preventative and management of infectious diseases?	YES	NO



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What Parents Should Look For...

1. Are there sufficient number of staff present at all times?											YES	NO
Staff: Child Ratio												
	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	24			
0-12 mths	1:3	1:4	1:4									
1 – 2 yrs	1:3	1:4	1:5	1:4								
2 yrs		1:4	1:5	1:6	1:7							
3 yrs			1:5	1:6	1:7	1:8		1:10				
4+ yrs						1:8	1:8	1:10	1:12			
2. Does the staff appear to enjoy caring for the children?											YES	NO
3. Are all furnishings/equipment clean and well-maintained?											YES	NO
4. Do the children in the programme appear happy?											YES	NO
5. Do the staff and children often talk with each other? Are children encouraged to talk with each other?											YES	NO
6. Does there appear to be enough space for the number of children present? (25 square feet per child inside and 50 square feet per child outside)											YES	NO
7. Is there a sleeping area large enough for all the children during nap time?											YES	NO
8. Are there individual cots to sleep on? Are these spaced at least 2 feet apart from the next cot?											YES	NO
9. Do all the children have a place for their own belongings?											YES	NO
10. Are all toys at the centre safe? Are they cleaned daily?											YES	NO
11. Are there many toys present for your child's age group?											YES	NO
12. Is there an outside area used for play activities?											YES	NO
13. Is the outside area free of hard surfaces and rocks, high climbers, tall slides, and unprotected swings?											YES	NO
14. Do adults supervise outside play?											YES	NO
15. Do the adults shout at the children?											YES	NO
16. Is your first reaction to the Day care centre good?											YES	NO