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Child Care Provider Checklist

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Here is a list of important information to measure the quality of a child care provider or center.

Name of Child Care Provider: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Date(s) Visited: _____

The Caregivers/Teachers:

• Are children greeted when they arrive? _____

• Are children's needs met quickly even when things get busy? _____

• Do the caregivers/teachers have training in CPR, first aid, and early childhood education? _____

• Are the caregivers/teachers involved in continuing education programs for themselves? _____

• Will the caregivers/teachers always be available to answer your questions and deal with your concerns? _____

• Are parents' ideas welcomed? Are there ways for you to get involved? _____



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The Setting:

- Is the atmosphere bright and pleasant? _____

- Is there a fenced-in outdoor play area with a variety of safe equipment? Can the caregivers/teachers see the entire playground at all times? _____
- Are there different areas for resting, quiet play, and active play? Is there enough space for the children in all of these areas? _____

The Activities:

- Is there a daily balance of play/activity time, story time, and rest time? _____

- Are the activities right for each age group? _____

- Are there enough toys and learning materials for the number of children? _____

- Are toys clean, safe, and within reach of the children? _____



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In General:

- Do you agree with the discipline practices? _____

- Do you hear the sounds of happy children? _____

- Are children comforted when needed? _____

- Is the program licensed or regulated? _____

- Are surprise visits by parents encouraged? _____

- Will your child be happy there? _____

- Can the program accommodate the needs of breastfeeding mothers and infants? For instance, does the facility have a place set aside for breastfeeding mothers who want to come during work to breastfeed? Will the program respect a mother's wishes to feed her infant breast milk only? How does the program keep track of and store breast milk?

