

HIGH-QUALITY care and Education

CHOOSING CHILD CARE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS A FAMILY WILL EVER MAKE.

INTERACTIONS BETWEEN EDUCATORS AND CHILDREN

- Are the teachers affectionate, responsive, and sensitive to the children?
- Ask "what if" questions. (What if my child hits another child? What if my child doesn't listen during group time? What if my child will not take a nap? Etc.)
- What is the philosophy and policy on guidance and discipline?

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

- Is there communications between the teacher and the parent regarding the child's day?
- Is family input welcome?
- Are families able to visit at any time and encouraged to participate in activities?

CURRICULUM AND CHILD ASSESSMENT

- What activities are the children involved in throughout the day?
- Does the curriculum concentrate on the cognitive, language, physical, emotional, and social aspects of development?
- Do the children experience a variety of hands-on activities?
- What assessments are used? How often?
- Does your program celebrate children's unique backgrounds and individuality?

TEACHER EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND TRAINING

- What is the typical tenure of teachers?
- How many teachers have a credential, associates degree, or higher in early childhood education or a related field? (Inquire about the specific qualifications of teachers, especially your child's teacher.)

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- Based on your observation, is the space clean, safe, and comfortable for young children?
- How are the children supervised?
- Where will children wash, sleep, play, and eat?
- Are infants always put to sleep on their back on a firm, flat surface in a crib?
- How often do children play outdoors?
- Do children go outdoors year round?

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Is there a security system to ensure a safe environment?
- Are meals nutritionally balanced?
- How is the children's health monitored?

OVERALL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- Do you have written policies, procedures, and contracts?
- Is the food menu posted?
- In addition to be licensed, is the center accredited by [NAEYC](#)?
- Is the program [Parent Aware](#) rated?



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Research increasingly tells us that the **FIRST YEARS** of a child's life are critical to shaping their future health and development. At Kinderberry Hill, we understand that high-quality child care and education in the early years can make a positive on your child's future. By making a thoughtful decision now, your child can develop the skills needed to be successful in elementary school.