

Take this checklist with you when you go and be sure to ask questions!

Before You Visit:

- Visit [this link by clicking](#) or scanning the QR code to the right.
- Find child care agencies, by zip code, that are licensed by the Department of Human Services.
- Notice each agency's current QRIS rating.
- Do you see any violations that concern you?



During The Visit:

- Do you see any safety hazards that concern you?
- Is the staff trained in First Aid and CPR?
- What are the safe sleep policies?
- Are the children supervised at all times?
- What is the educator to child ratio or how many children is each person responsible for?
- Is the playground equipment the right size for children?
- Do the children seem happy and involved?
- Is the staff warm and responsive to the children?
- Are there enough materials and toys for the children in each classroom?
- What types of behavior management techniques are used?
- Are parents encouraged to drop in at any time?
- Is there a parent bulletin board or other way to communicate with parents regularly?
- Ask for a Parent Handbook.
- Does the program have a plan in place for emergencies?
- Are lesson plans available and do they include experiences to help children learn and grow?
- How do staff share observations about how children are developing?
- Are there regular opportunities for parents to meet with staff?

After The Visit:

- Think about what you saw during each visit.
- Make the decision that is best for you and your family.
- Stay Involved.

If you need any further guidance on the information above, don't hesitate to reach out to the TN CCR&R at (866) 296-3422. You may also contact the TDHS Help Desk at TDHS_CCP@utk.edu or by calling 833-TDHS-CCP (833-834-7227).