



Anoka County Family Child Care Provider Checklist for Parents

- Ask to see the child care license.
- Ask to see all indoor and outdoor areas being used for child care to get a feel for the amount of space for children.
- Look to see if indoor and outdoor child care areas appear safe. Check for stairway gates.
- Ask to see where your child would nap.
- Ask to see the toys and books available to children.
- Ask the provider how she uses television and what children would watch.
- Ask when and how often children go outside and what they do. (Weather permitting, they should go outside every day.)
- Ask to see a food menu and whether the provider is on a food program.
- Check the environment for cleanliness. Ask what the provider does to prevent the spread of illness.
- Watch to see if children go to the provider for hugs, ask questions and appear comfortable with the provider.
- Ask how misbehavior is handled.
- Review the provider's business arrangements and discuss: cost, holiday pay, sick days, pick-up and drop-off times, late pickups, a written contract, etc.
- Ask the provider if she carries liability insurance for her business.
- Check the provider's training records to see when she completed CPR, First Aid, and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death/Abusive Head Trauma. (See [Training Requirements](#) page.)
- Ask the provider if there have been any complaints made against them or if they have been under any negative action. Then call Anoka County Child Care Licensing unit at 763-324-1235 to verify the information.
- Ask yourself if you feel comfortable leaving your children in this home. If not, keep looking.