



Standards **required** and **monitored** by regulatory agency to ensure safety of children and to hold providers accountable.

<b>ARE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IMPORTANT TO YOU AS YOU CHOOSE CHILDCARE OR SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD?</b>	<b>LICENSED PROVIDERS</b>	<b>EXEMPT PROVIDERS</b>
<b>Criminal Background Checks:</b> EVERY employee, volunteer, and vendor MUST complete a Comprehensive Criminal Background Check that ensures that those working with your children do not have a history that can endanger children.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Teacher: Student Ratios:</b> Providers must provide a minimum number of qualified teachers and staff for each group of children, dependent on the ages of the group as well as the activity.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Supervision Guidelines:</b> Specific guidelines regarding proper supervision must be followed throughout a group's day to ensure a teacher is present and aware of children's activities.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Health and Safety Guidelines:</b> Specific steps must be followed in diapering, food preparation and serving, handwashing, and cleaning to minimize illness; expectations on facility and equipment maintenance and emergency processes are established to reduce injuries.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Transportation Safety:</b> Vehicle safety guidelines and additional checks for children loading and off loading the vehicle are mandated to prevent accidents and children being left on the vehicle.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Lead Teacher Qualifications:</b> The Lead Teacher of each class must hold minimum qualifications in credentials and/or experience to provide a safe nurturing classroom that facilitates children's development.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>First Aid/CPR Training:</b> A minimum number of First Aid/CPR certified staff must be available when children are present to handle medical emergencies that may occur.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Ongoing Training:</b> ALL staff have minimum state-approved training requirements upon orientation, assumption of specific roles, and ongoing annual training. These are in addition to any company trainings.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Curriculum:</b> Teachers are expected to observe your children to plan and implement activities to help them achieve milestones as appropriate for their development.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Accountability:</b> Provider is subject to regulatory visits and monitoring to hold centers to minimum expectations for children's safety, well-being, and development. Parents have recourse to resolve safety concerns not handled by the center.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>