

CHOOSING A QUALITY SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

School-Age Program Questions?

- Is the program licensed or regulated?
- How long has the program been in existence?
- What are the goals of the program?
- What would a typical day be like for my child?
- How many children are in the different age ranges?
- How many boys/girls in my child's group?
- What rules will my child be expected to follow?
- What are the staff's credentials?
- What activities are offered?
- Do the activities match my child's interests and skills?
- Is there quiet time for homework?
- How do you involve parents in your program?
- What days and hours are you open?
- Do you provide holiday/vacation care?
- What are your sick child policies and practices?
- Does the facility look clean and appear to be safe?
- Does the program provide transportation?
- What are the fees and what do they include?

Making Your Decision

Your school-age child is old enough to make some choices regarding his or her care. Make your child an important part of the decision process when choosing a school-age program. Visit the program together if possible. Encourage him or her to talk with other children who attend the program. If your child does not like the program, you should look at other alternatives. In any event, be sure to involve your school-age child in the decision making.



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