COLLABORATIVE for CHILDREN

Child Care Checklist

Program Name: _____

Basic Information

- ○ The hours suit my schedule.
- ○ The fees fit my price range.
- ○ Meals and snacks are appetizing.
- ○ Transportation is available.
- ○ The group size and age grouping are acceptable.

The Environment

- ○ The setting is clean and cheerful.
- ○ Children seem happy.
- ○ Staff members and children get along well.
- ○ There is a balanced daily routine.
- ○ Children are comforted when needed.
- ○ There are rules the children can understand and follow.
- ○ There is a safety plan to follow in emergencies.
- ○ Safety precautions are established.
- ○ Different kinds of space are available for quiet play, active play and outdoor play.
- ○ There is enough space for all activities.
- ○ There are enough books, paints, blocks, musical toys, games and puzzles, etc.
- ○ Children can get things for themselves.

Staff

- ○ They have been trained to care for children.
- ○ Most staff have been in the program for at least one year.
- ○ Disciplinary methods are acceptable.
- ○ They are warm and friendly.
- ○ Staff members take time to discuss a child's progress with parents regularly.
- ○ Children are treated as individuals.
- ○ In a family day home, ask how long the provider has been caring for children.
- ○ Staff members seem to have enough time to look after all children.

Parental Involvement

- ○ Parents can visit unannounced.
- ○ Parents are involved in decision-making.
- ○ There are opportunities for parents to be involved with the program.
- ○ Parents have a chance to speak with staff when they drop off and pick up children.

Final Considerations

- ○ References are provided.
- ○ People who have used this service speak well of it.
- ○ I would be happy here if I were a child.
- ○ I feel comfortable leaving my child here.

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