

Home Daycare Comparison Chart

Choosing a Home Daycare can be an overwhelming task. Use the chart below to compare and contrast all of the Home Daycares you visit. Feel free to add your own questions in the empty spaces provided.

Daycare Name and/or Provider's Name							Is this criteria important to our family?
<i>Check Corresponding Box if Answer is "Yes"</i>							
Safety							
Does Provider maintain legal limits on number of children in care at one time? *							
Are Fire Drills/Evacuation Procedures practised regularly?							
Does Provider have current First Aid/CPR training?							
Is the Provider the only adult involved in the hands-on care of daycare children ?							
Is the indoor play area child-proofed and stocked with age-appropriate toys?							
Is the outdoor play area fully fenced with hazards like swimming pools, garden sheds, etc. made inaccessible?							
Is there a Sign In/Sign Out procedure in place?							
Is there an appropriate Emergency Plan in place (ie. If an ambulance needed to be called)?							
Educational Opportunities							
Is a curriculum followed?							
Are children given opportunities to use crayons, paint, scissors and glue?							
Is a generalized daily routine followed most days?							
Is the indoor play area tv-free?							
Is a substantial amount of outdoor time included in the daily schedule?							

** Licensed Home Daycares in Ontario may have a maximum of 5 children in care at one time, only 2 of which can be under the age of 2, with 3 under the age of 3. The Provider's own children count in this ratio.*

Unlicensed Home Daycares may have a maximum of 5 children in care at one time, of any age, in addition to the Provider's own children.

Cleanliness, Health & Nutrition						
Are meals and snacks provided?						
Does daily menu offer a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables?						
Is the diaper-changing area/bathroom clean and disinfected regularly?						

Is the Home Daycare smoke-free?						
Are nappers offered quiet, clean spaces and age-appropriate bedding for sleeping?						
Are toys and play areas cleaned regularly?						
Is a separate spot for each child's belongings provided?						
General						
Is the Provider's home welcoming? Is the play area one that will engage your child?						
Is a Daily Report offered?						
Does Provider seem to enjoy being with the children she cares for?						
Does Provider seem to be the type of person that you would feel comfortable working with?						
Is a contract/handbook/policy book offered? If so, is it fair and easy to follow?						
Other						
What is the weekly cost?						