What to Look for in a Family Child Care Home

- Is the provider registered/licensed with NY if caring for more than two children?

- Is the registration/license certificate displayed?

- Check the expiration date of the registration/license.

- Check the registration/license to see if there are any waivers and/or restrictions.

- If the provider has an assistant(s), ask if the assistant(s), like the provider, has been fingerprinted and cleared through the NYS Central Registry of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

- Group Family Child Care Providers, as well as Family Child Care Providers must be on-site.

- Does the provider have Family Child Care Insurance? (NYS does not require insurance)

- Is the provider certified in CPR or First Aid? NYS requires that someone CPR and First Aid certified must be on-site at all times.

- Is the provider accredited with the National Association of Family Child Care and/or have some other specialized training and education?

- Has the provider been trained in administering medication?

- What experiences does the provider have with multi-age groups of children?

- Is the provider willing to provide you with his/her Social Security Number or Tax I.D. number to allow for the Child Care Tax Credit?

- Does the provider attend required training? (Ask to see copies of training certificates.)
• If the program is a Group Family Child Care program, what credentials does the assistant(s) have? Does the provider supervise the training and work of the assistant(s)?

• Is the child care space defined so children know where activities take place, where they get toys and put them away? Is there a defined diapering/toileting area away from food preparation? Does each child have an individual nap/rest area?