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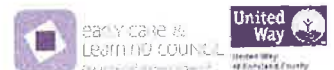
What to Look for in a Center-Based Program

- For infants and toddlers: soft and cozy spaces, personalized adult attention for each child, activities geared toward the individual child rather than the whole group, diapering area away from food service/preparation.
- For older toddlers and preschoolers, rooms divided into learning centers with areas for both quiet and active play.
- Materials and time provided for children to select their own activities to explore during the day.
- Ask about credentials of the director and staff. Do they have early childhood education and training? Is their training on-going? Are some staff certified in CPR and First Aid? Have staff been trained in administering medication?
- Supervised staff?
- Licensed centers are required to have all their staff fingerprinted and cleared through the NYS Central Registry of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.
- Licensed programs are required to follow the adult/child ratios listed below. All programs should consider these ratios as the minimum standard:

CHILD CARE CENTER ADULT/CHILD RATIOS

Age of Children	Group Size									
	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	21	24	
6 wks to 18 mo.	1:4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
18 mo. to 36 mo.	1:5	1:5	1:4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
3 years	1:7	1:7	1:7	1:7	1:6	1:6	x	x	x	
4 years	1:8	1:8	1:8	1:8	1:8	1:7	1:7	1:7	x	

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