



Daycare tour list. Questions to ask:

After vetting daycare centers to a top two or three, parents will want to start thinking of specific and personal questions to ask during prospect tours. Writing down questions is important because it helps parents focus while they are overwhelmed with information and emotion during daycare tours. Here is a sample of questions to consider:

1. What is the center's general childcare philosophy?
2. Differences between Daycare facility and Home Daycare
3. What are the full/half day and full/half week options and prices?
4. Are all teachers and teacher aides first aid certified?
5. How often are all toys in the classroom sanitized?
6. What are the options / policies on meals?
 - a. Do children bring their own food or is food provided?
 - b. If food is provided, how often does the menu change?
 - c. *This is also a good time to discuss any food sensitivities/allergies.
7. What are the center's discipline policies?
8. What are the center's parent visitation policies?
9. Is the center flexible on drop-off /pick-up times?
 - a. Are there lateness fees?
10. Are all children in the center required to have immunizations?
11. What is the center's potty-training practices/requirements?
12. Does the center offer a sibling discount?
13. How will the center promote a continuous, open dialogue with parents?
 - a. Conferences?
 - b. Newsletters?