

Initial Questions: Choosing a Provider

Preguntas Iniciales: Escogiendo un Proveedor de Cuidado Infantil

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Here are some important questions to ask when making initial phone calls and the first visit. Remember providers are caring for children and may need to call you back to answer these preliminary questions. Use this form to keep a record of the providers you talk to and make comparisons based on their answers in addition to your overall impressions after the first visit.

Initial Questions	Provider #1: Name: Phone:	Provider #2: Name: Phone:	Provider #3: Name: Phone:
1. Do you have any vacancies for a (e.g.) 3 year-old?			
2. Are you available (e.g.) Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm?			
3. What are your fees? Is there a registration fee? Do you offer sibling discounts?			
4. Do you have experience working with children with special needs?			
5. What day/time can I come for a visit?			
At the Visit			
1. Tell me about your experience and education.			
2. What made you decide to work with younger children?			
3. What is your policy regarding sick children?			
4. How many and what are the ages of the other children in your care?			
5. What are the arrangements if you get sick?			
6. Do I pay for holidays, vacations or other absences?			
7. Are nutritious meals and snacks served? Are you on the Child Care Food Program?			
8. When can I drop by with my child for a visit. Do you encourage unannounced visits?			

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