

# Questions to Ask Daycare for Infants

## DAYCARE INFORMATION

- Name:
- Address:
- Phone Number:
- Email:

- Cost:
- Availability:
- Wait List:
- Schedule (M/T/W/TH/F):

## SAFETY & SECURITY QUESTIONS

- Are you licensed by the state? Do you hold additional certifications?
- What is the teacher-to-child ratio?
- How long has the longest teacher been here and how long has the shortest teacher been here?
- Do you have CCTV or other security monitoring systems?
- Can I visit during a busy time or stop by unannounced?

- What is your vaccination policy for both staff and children?
- What is your sick policy?
- What are your emergency procedures for fires, intruders, or other disasters?
- How do you handle food allergies or dietary restrictions?
- How do you store and administer medication if needed?

## SAFETY & SECURITY ANSWERS



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## CURRICULUM AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS

- What is your educational philosophy or curriculum?
- How do you support social-emotional development in infants?
- What developmental milestones do you track, and how do you support them?
- How much outdoor time do infants get each day?
- Do you follow any specific learning themes or activities for infants?

- Do you use sensory or motor skill development activities?
- Do you use technology (like tablets or TVs), and if so, how often?
- How do you incorporate play-based learning?
- Do you group children by age? If so, how does my infant fit in?
- How do you handle transitions between age groups?

## CURRICULUM AND DEVELOPMENT ANSWERS



# Questions to Ask Daycare for Infants

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DAILY ROUTINE QUESTIONS

- What does a typical daily routine look like for infants?
- How are naps handled? Do you follow individualized schedules or group nap times?
- How often are diapers changed?
- Do you provide meals, snacks, or do parents need to pack them?
- Do you accommodate special diets or allergies?

- How are bottles stored and warmed for feedings?
- Do you feed babies on demand or by a set schedule?
- Can parents visit during feeding times, especially if breastfeeding?
- How do you introduce solids for infants?
- Do you report on daily activities, such as feedings, naps, and diaper changes?

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DAILY ROUTINE ANSWERS



# Questions to Ask Daycare for Infants

COMMUNICATION AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT QUESTIONS

- How do you communicate with parents throughout the day?
- How will I be informed of any emergencies or health issues?
- How often do you update parents about developmental progress?
- Can I get real-time updates on my child's naps, feedings, and activities?
- How do you handle parent-teacher conferences or progress reviews?

- How can parents be involved in daycare activities?
- What is your open-door policy for parents? Can I visit anytime?
- How do you handle feedback or complaints from parents?
- Do you share photos or updates about activities during the day?
- Can I observe the classroom before making a decision?

COMMUNICATION AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT ANSWERS

Empty box for answers.



# Questions to Ask Daycare for Infants

STAFF AND FACILITY OPERATION QUESTIONS

- What are the qualifications and experience of the staff?
- How long has the longest staff member been at the center? The shortest?
- What ongoing training do staff receive?
- What is your staff turnover rate?
- How are new staff vetted before they are hired?

- What is the release policy for pick-ups?
- What is the staff-to-child ratio during busy times?
- Do you offer part-time or flexible scheduling?
- What are your payment policies? Do you charge for sick days or vacations?
- Are there any additional fees, such as for late pick-ups or early drop-offs?

STAFF AND FACILITY OPERATION ANSWERS

