

CHILD CARE CHECK LIST FOR PARENTS

PROGRAM: _____ NYS Licensed: _____ Yes _____ No

LOCATION: _____ TRANSPORTATION: _____

HOURS: _____ SCHOOL CLOSINGS: _____ HALF DAYS: _____

COST: _____ SIBLING DISCOUNT: _____

SUBSIDIES: _____ SCHOLARSHIPS: _____ OTHER: _____

Is the cost affordable? _____

Are the hours suitable? _____

Is the building is safe & well maintained? _____

Do the children seem happy? _____

Are Indoor activities available? _____

Is there a quiet activity area? _____

Is outdoor play available? _____

Are activities/materials varied & age-appropriate? _____

Are materials available that celebrate diverse ethnic & cultural groups? _____

Is there time and space for homework with help available? _____

Are there opportunities to pursue hobbies or join clubs? _____

Are the snacks nutritious? _____

Are parents welcome to visit the program? _____

Is the Director accessible and responsive? _____

Does the Director have a good rapport with children and parents? _____

Are the program rules clear? _____

Is the Director trained and experienced with school age issues? _____

Is the staff turnover low? _____

Are children treated with respect in a caring supportive, friendly manner? _____

Is discipline handled in a calm consistent way to encourage positive behavior? _____

Are the group size and age groupings appropriate? _____

(NYS minimum is 1:10 staff/child ratio and maximum group size of 20 for 5-9 years old; 1:15 ratio and maximum group size of 30)