



Quality CHANGING PROVIDERS

CHANGING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

When?

Although consistency in a child care setting is important, there are times when the current care situation must be changed for the child's health, safety or developmental needs. It is necessary to listen to your child when they talk about their experience in the care setting.

How?

Talk with your child about the change before it happens. Give your child ways to say goodbye through use of photos, stories, or toys. Be sure to support your child between the end of one setting and the beginning of a new one. Maintain normal routines and give your child lots of positive attention during the change. It is important to recognize this transition in your child's life.

If you and your child can't answer yes to most or all of the following, a change might be in order:

Checklist from a Child's Point of View

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have lots of fun things to do.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My teacher reads stories to us and there are books for me to look at on my own.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have friends at child care.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My teacher is nice to me.
<input type="checkbox"/>	We have healthy things to eat for snacks and lunch.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a cozy place to rest when I am tired.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I get to play outside.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I learn new things all the time.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I feel safe here.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have the opportunity to play with others and by myself.

Checklist from an Adult's Point of View

<input type="checkbox"/>	My child looks forward to going to child care.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My child has friends at child care.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I feel welcome and respected at all times.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My participation is encouraged.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My child talks favorably about the provider.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My family's values are reflected in the program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My family's cultural background is honored.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employees both act and speak positively about their work environment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My child does not exhibit an unexplained change in behavior.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleanliness and hand washing are evident.