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Child Care

# Infant & Toddler Quality Checklist

The Provider	Check here
Provides lots of physical contact such as holding your baby while feeding, rocking baby when tired, and soothing when crying.	
Interacts with your baby during feeding and diapering times by making eye contact and talking to baby.	
Interacts with baby during play times	
Responds to your baby quickly and lovingly to meet your baby's needs.	
Uses words of encouragement during playtime	
Reads simple and colorful books	
Sings to baby	
Is patient and gentle when babies are learning to communicate with each other.	
Allows for individual napping and feeding routines.	
The Environment	
A safe and comfortable space with room to lay and/or to move around	
Comfortable and soothing areas	
Toys that would not be a choking hazard and are washable	
Soft and washable toys that are easy for baby to grasp, squeeze, offer a variety of textures and make sounds	
Soft music plays in background	
Toys and materials reflect cultures and genders	
Furniture safe for a child to use to pull up and stand	
The Program	
Provides routine, familiar caregiver	
Responds to individual baby's needs	
Provides safe, clean changing and diapering area	
Supports professional development	
Policies exist and are shared	
Parents are informed about their child's day through conversation or notes	
Parent's input is valued	