



Choosing Quality Child Care

The Important Questions

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1. Stability

Be sure to look at the ownership of any child care you are considering to ensure that your child is not treated like a number in a corporation.

Love 'n Learn Educational Child Care has been providing high quality educational care to families for almost forty years. You can be sure your child will receive all the love and nurturing they deserve with our commitment to the care and education of young children. We have seen many day care programs come and go. Our longevity is a direct result of our commitment to being the best.



2. Staff

What are the credentials of the teaching staff? How much experience do they have and how do they staff enthused and motivated? What is the turnover?

Young children thrive on consistency and continuity. All Love 'n Learn teaching staff are full time so your child is with the same people all day every day. All staff are dedicated to Early Childhood Education as a career, and have the college degrees and credentials to stress that commitment. All are trained in 1st Aid and CPR and all take a minimum of 10 additional hours of training each year in their specialized age group. Our staff averages over 16 years of childcare experience!



3. Age Divisions

How are children grouped? Will your child be with others who have reached similar developmental milestones? How big are the groups?

Socializing is an important part of child development, and an important benefit of quality child care. Knowing who and how your child will be socializing will help you understand more about a childcare program. At Love 'n Learn, we have two separate Infant rooms, three separate Toddler rooms, and three distinct PreSchool classrooms. Children are grouped, move from one room to the next, according to developmental abilities. Our teacher to child ratio and maximum group size are lower than those required by licensing. We believe that smaller group size contributes to higher quality care.



4. Meals and Snacks

Making sure your child has the proper nutrition throughout the day is an important factor in choosing a childcare center. Be sure to ask if your fee includes breakfast and lunch and snacks. If not, you might find yourself packing your child's food every day.

Love 'n Learn Educational Child Care maintains a full service food license with a highly talented kitchen staff in our well-equipped commercial kitchen. We pride ourselves on providing meals that are nutritious, tasty and child friendly! We serve whole grains and lots of fruits and vegetables, and do not serve any fried foods. Children with food allergies, families with special diets, and parents with specific requests are all pleased to know that we easily manage these modifications.



5. The Facility

Make sure to inspect the layout of the facility for classroom size, extra space, and organization. Also, look for cleanliness and ask about the daily cleaning routine.

Love 'n Learn is 15,000 square feet, with a gymnasium, dining hall, four safe outdoor play yards, and lots of room to move around and learn. We have a dedicated full time housekeeper on staff all day every day to ensure that the facility is always clean and well maintained. All eight classrooms are bright, spacious and well equipped!



6. Hours of Operation

You need to have enough time to drop your child off in the morning and still be able to get to work or appointments on time. Your childcare should be open early enough for you to do that. You also do not want to have to rush from work.

Love 'n Learn opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. for your family's convenience.



7. Holidays and Other Closures

When looking for child care you should ask how often the program closes. Are there days you will need to find alternate care due to "teacher in-service" or "cleaning" days? What happens if there is severe weather?

Love 'n Learn is committed to being here when you need us, so we only close for major federal holidays and when the roads are declared impassable by local authorities.



8. Safety & Security

Ask about access to the facility, and how people can leave and enter the building.

Love 'n Learn has only one door available for parent entry/departure. That door is locked at all times, monitored by video cameras and opened only for those known to our staff. Unknown persons are greeted by a trained staff member and may only enter after stating their purpose for visiting. Staff enters a separate door with a security keypad. All gates surrounding play yards are secured at all times.



9. Discipline Philosophy

It is important to know what system is in place to teach children right from wrong. Do the staff use positive or negative techniques, such as yelling or "time out?"

All Love 'n Learn staff are trained in positive behavior management, which reinforces and rewards progress and accomplishments. This promotes mental health and positive self-esteem.



10. Curriculum

Ask how your child will be prepared for school. Ask about the reasoning behind the chosen curriculum and its advantages.

Love 'n Learn utilizes the renowned and widely respected Creative Curriculum. Teachers create a lesson plans based upon the children's developmental levels and interests. The time your child spends immersed in the daily activities will help to establish a lifetime foundation and enthusiasm for learning.



And last, but maybe most important....

Happy Children!!!!

Look around at the children. Are they happy and engaged? Children mirror their surroundings and will not hide their emotions. This will reflect the energy, attitude and personality of the child care program. Come see us and all of our happy children!!!

Thank You!

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