

## The site visit

After interviewing potential providers by telephone, contact those you would like to meet to schedule a site visit. If possible, bring your child with you to the site visit so he/she can meet the Provider. ([click here](#) to download a PDF of our complete list that covers important topics - from sick-child policies to nap time and toilet training - to take with you to site visits.)

Name and address of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### *General Questions*

- Why are you a child care provider?
- What do you like the most about child care? Least?
- How long has your staff been working here? (For centers only)
- Do you participate in the USDA Food Program?
- Do you have back up care (when sick or on vacation)?

### *Safety*

- Do you have working smoke detectors?
- Are electrical outlets capped?
- Are stairs blocked for safety?
- Is there safe water to drink?
- Is the diaper area clean and sanitized?
- Are fireplace and heaters screened off from the children to prevent burns?
- Are hazardous and poisonous compounds under lock and key?
- Are there guns in the home and where are they kept?
- Is there an escape plan for fire or emergency situations? Is the plan posted?
- What is the policy for sick children?
- Do you ever transport the children? And do you have a current driver's license and proof of insurance?
- What mode of transportation is used and are there car seats/seat belts for all children?
- If you do transport do you have a method in place for identification of children such as name tags, labels, etc.?
- Do you carry medical emergency release forms during activities off the premises?
- Do you have adequate liability insurance coverage?

### *Miscellaneous*

- What are the sleeping arrangements for children?
- What is the nap time routine?
- What is the policy for children who do not sleep during nap time?
- Can my child bring a comfort item from home?
- What items do you not want brought from home?
- Should I bring extra clothing for messy projects and/or accidents?

### *Policies*

- Can I get a copy of your contract and written policy?
- What is your discipline policy?
- How do you handle biting and aggressive behaviors?
- What is your television policy?
- How do you handle toileting accidents?

*(Print this page, clip it and take it with you on site visits)*