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Five Steps to Finding Quality Child Care

1. Look

- Visit several child care centers or homes
- Visit each location more than once
- Does the place seem safe?
- Do the caregivers seem to like children?
- Do they talk with each child at eye level?
- Are the children happy?
- Are there plenty of toys within a child's reach?

2. Ask

- Ask questions about the level of training of caregivers
- Have they taken child development classes?
- Are they experienced in CPR?
- Is the facility accredited?

3. Listen

- What does the classroom sound like?
- Do the children seem content and involved?

4. Count

- Count the number of children versus caregivers
- A small number of children per adult is most important for babies or younger children

5. Be Informed

- Call Collaborative for Children to find out more about licensing requirements, parent education, staff-child ratio, accreditation and more. **Information provided by Child Care Aware.*

To begin your child care search, visit findchildcarenow.org or call 713.600.1234
For more information about Collaborative for Children, visit www.collabforchildren.org.