How to Find Inclusive Childcare

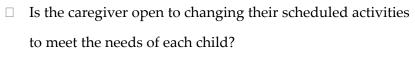


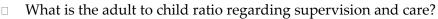
To find a childcare that meets the needs of each child, there are questions to ask and things to look for to make sure it's a good fit.

Below is a checklist that you can use when you visit a proposed childcare facility and meet with a potential provider.

Childcare Checklist

- ☐ Is the caregiver calm, positive and sensitive to the unique needs of children with disabilities?
- Does the caregiver understand child development and do they continue to take classes so they have the most up to date information?





- ☐ Is there a daily schedule in view with activities that are inside/outside, active/quiet, adult/child directed and gives children choices?
- □ Does the childcare welcome parent input and visits?
- □ Can the childcare provider incorporate the child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?
- ☐ Is the childcare wheelchair accessible and do they have space for special equipment?
- ☐ Is the childcare willing and able to meet special diet needs?
- ☐ Are all children welcome regardless of their ability?





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