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- How do teachers keep families regularly informed about our child's activities?
- How does this program respect language, culture and the values of families?
- How will you help me with my child's initial adjustment to your child care?
- Am I welcome to drop into the program at any time?
- How will we work together to help my child transition to the next class?
- Will my child have a consistent caregiver?

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Health & Safety

☐ What meals and snacks are served and are they prepared on site or catered in?

☐ Are emergency numbers posted?

☐ Do you have a space for mothers to breastfeed?

☐ How often does the program need a health report from our doctor?

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Curriculum & Approaches to Learning

☐ What is your daily routine with the children and how do you plan for individual children’s needs?

☐ Do you use a curriculum and if so, what is it and why did your program choose it?

☐ How does your curriculum align with early learning guidelines or standards?

☐ How will my child’s learning and culture be supported?

☐ How do you train and support your staff with this curriculum?

☐ What do you notice the children enjoy about the activities during the day?

NOTES:
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☐ How much time do children spend outside?

☐ What is your policy on weather and outside play?

☐ What do you notice is the children’s favorite thing to do outside?

☐ Do you have an area for indoor play when children can’t go outside?

☐ How many children can be in this space at one time?

☐ How do you determine what materials you provide for children?

☐ Does my child need any extra clothes for outdoor play?

☐ Will my child have their own space for storing items from home, like extra clothing, book bag, coat, etc.?

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Policies & Administration

☐ Did you receive a copy of the family handbook to look at before you enrolled your child?

☐ How are parents engaged in program events?

☐ How can I express concerns regarding my child’s care or education?

☐ What is the center’s sickness and health policy?

☐ What is the severe weather policy?

☐ Do you have an emergency preparedness plan?

☐ What happens if I am late to pick up my child?

☐ Is there always an administrator on site, or designated lead?

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