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## Relationships

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?





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## **Learning Environment**

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?



