## Parent's Role

A parent's role in quality child care is vital:

- □ Inquire about the qualifications and experience of child care staff, as well as staff turnover.
- Know the facility's policies and procedures.
- □ Communicate directly with caregivers.
- Visit and observe the facility.
   Participate in special activities, meetings, and conferences.
- ☐ Talk to your child about their daily experiences in child care.

Arrange alternate care for their child

when they are sick.

Familiarize yourself with the child care standards used to license the child care facility.

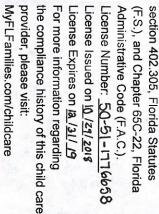
More information and free resources:

standards included in

according to the minimum licensure

This child care facility is licensed

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# **General Requirements**

65C-22, F.A.C., which include, but are not limited the minimum state child care licensing standards to, the following: pursuant to s. 402.305, F.S., and ch. Every licensed child care facility must meet

- Valid license posted for parents to see.
- Maintain appropriate transportation vehicles (if transportation is provided). All staff appropriately screened.
- Provide parents with written disciplinary practices Provide access to the facility during normal hours
- Maintain minimum staff-to-child ratios:

Age of Child	Child: Teacher Ratio
Infant	4:1
1 year old	6:1
2 year old	11:1
3 year old	15:1
4 year old	20:1
5 year old and up	25:1

## **Health Related Requirements**

Emergency procedures that include: Posting Florida Abuse Hotline number

Staff trained in first aid and Infant/Child CPR on the premises at all times.

along with other emergency numbers.

- Fully stocked first aid kit.
- children and staff A working fire extinguisher and documented monthly fire drills with
- Medication and hazardous materials are inaccessible and out of children's reach.

## Training Requirements

- 40-hour introductory child care training.
- 10-hour in-service training annually.
- 0.5 continuing education unit of approved training or 5 clock hours of training in
- Director Credential for all facility directors early literacy and language development

#### Food and Nutrition

 Post a meal and snack menu that prodren (if meals are provided). vides daily nutritional needs of the chil-

#### Record Keeping

- Maintain accurate records that include:
- Children's health exam/immunization
- Medication records.
- Enrollment information
- Personnel records
- Daily attendance.
- Accidents and incidents.
- administration of medications. Parental permission for field trips and

### Physical Environment

- Maintain sufficient usable indoor floor space for playing, working, and napping.
- and other hazards. Provide space that is clean and free of litter
- Maintain sufficient lighting and inside temperatures.
- Provide appropriate bathroom facilities and appropriate toys. Equipped with age and developmentally
- Provide isolation area for children who
- Practice proper hand washing, toileting and diapering activities

## **Quality Child Care**

**Quality Caregivers** 

Are warm, understanding, encouraging, and Are friendly and eager to care for children.

responsive to each child's individual needs.

cuddle, and talk to the children.

Accept family cultural and ethnic differences

the following indicators should be considered: skills, build independence and instill self-respect. Children in these settings participate in daily, in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Quality child care offers healthy, social, and When evaluating the quality of a child care setting, age-appropriate activities that help develop essential educational experiences under qualified supervision

#### **Quality Activities**

- Are children initiated and teacher facilitated.
- story telling, music, dancing, and other varied Are expressive including play, painting, drawing Include social interchanges with all children
- Include exercise and coordination development
- Include opportunities for all children to read, be Include free play and organized activities.
- **Quality Environments**

Communicate with parents.

Demonstrate knowledge of social and emotional

needs and developmental tasks for all children.

Provide stimulating, interesting, and educational Allow children to play alone or in small groups. Help children manage their behavior in a positive Use a pleasant tone of voice and freqently hold,

Are attentive to and interact with the children.

constructive, and non-threatening manner.

- Are clean, safe, inviting, comfortable, child-friendly.
- Provide easy access to age-appropriate toys.
- Display children's activities and creations.
- Provide a safe and secure environment that fosters

