

As you think about care for your child, the New York State Office for Children and Family Services recommends...

A Few Characteristics to Look for

This caregiver...

- has experience caring for children and enjoys it
- has training in important health and safety concerns
- provides a setting that is childproofed to prevent accidents
- can see and hear children at all times
- offers children freedom of movement while providing barriers to unsafe areas
- encourages children to feed themselves
- engages children in a variety of activities, not just television
- provides toys that are safe and appropriate for the age and group size
- deals with toileting in a calm, understanding manner
- tends quickly to the needs of an upset child

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services has a more detailed checklist for you to use in considering this important decision. [Click here.](#)