

# Daycare tour checklist

20 questions to ask and things to look for on any daycare tour, with space for notes.

## Licensing & safety

- ☐ Is the centre licensed? Is the licence posted?
- ☐ What are the staff-to-child ratios in my child's room?
- ☐ How do you control who can pick up my child?
- ☐ What happens if my child gets sick or hurt?
- ☐ Is the outdoor play area fenced and safe?

## The people

- ☐ What certification do the educators in my child's room hold?
- ☐ How long has the team in this room worked together?
- ☐ How do you help new children settle in?
- ☐ How do you handle big feelings and behaviour?

## The day

- ☐ What does a typical day look like for this age?
- ☐ How much time do children spend outside?
- ☐ What are meals and snacks like? Are they cooked on site?

☐ Where and when do children nap or rest?

☐ How will I hear about my child's day?

## Cost & logistics

☐ Do you receive Alberta affordability funding?

☐ What will I pay for my child's age and hours?

☐ What's included: meals, snacks, transportation?

☐ Is there a registration fee or deposit?

☐ Do you have a space when I need it? Is there a waitlist?

## Your gut feeling

☐ Did the children look happy and busy?

☐ Did educators get down to the children's level?

Notes