

Everything we do at PALS is designed to help your child develop into a happy, successful adult. From the way that we uniquely and individually greet your child each morning, to the program content and curriculum and how it is presented to your child, PALS has carefully selected and mapped out a system to encourage your child's maximum development. PALS curriculum is not only backed by sound research of brain and early childhood development, but it is also backed by years of research into success and human achievement. We have

expanded upon successful curricula as well as researched attributes of success in order to weave together skillsets and beliefs that successful people hold in order to imbue your child with those characteristics from an early age.

The fears and frustrations of choosing a child care center can be overwhelming at times. This checklist can help you relax, review, reflect and make a good decision for the future of your child using solid evaluative criteria as the basis for your decision.

Check each item that a Child Care Center meets or exceeds your expectations.

Question		Provider 1	Provider 2	Provider 3
What procedures do you have in place to ensure a warm and loving environment for my child?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What curriculum do you teach and why was it selected?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How many years have you been teaching this curriculum and how is it scientifically proven to be effective?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What strategy do you use to ensure my child will have a strong self-image?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you provide pre-school evaluations to help me understand where my child stands before entering kindergarten?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What security measures are in place to ensure my child's safety?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is your emergency procedure plan?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a parent can't be reached in an emergency, what is your plan?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do your food menus meet DCFS food regulations?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are your teacher qualification requirements? Continuing education?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How long has your center been in business?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you NAEYC [*] accredited? <small>*National Association for the Education of Young Children (ask to see certificate)</small>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you allow tours to prospective parents and do they include a classroom visit?	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>