Checklist for Choosing a High-Quality Preschool

☐ Is the preschool a participant in Raising Quality!?  
☐ Is there a regular schedule of activities for children?  
☐ Is there (at least) one caregiver for every 12 children?  
☐ Is the facility licensed by Community Care Licensing?  
☐ Do teachers have college units in early childhood education?  
☐ Does the preschool offer and honor diversity in books and materials?  
☐ Do they have conversations with the children and ask them questions?  
☐ Do children have regular access to books and are they read to daily?  
☐ Do teachers give kind, clear, and consistent messages to the children about their behavior?  

☐ Is there a large play space where children can build and move things, jump and run?  
☐ Is there sand, wood chips, or rubber under the play equipment, instead of grass or cement?  
☐ Is there a place where children can do arts and crafts, and play quiet games?  
☐ Are there many kinds of toys, games, and art supplies? Are they suited to your child’s age?  
☐ Is there a quiet space for resting and reading?  
☐ Are chairs, tables and equipment child-sized?  
☐ Is the food healthy and is it prepared safely?  
☐ Are the teachers trained in first aid and CPR?  
☐ Is there opportunity for parent involvement?