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 teachers 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?