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?