

DAYCARE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. What is the history and philosophy of the daycare?
 - Understand the daycare's mission, values, and educational philosophy.
- 2. What are the qualifications and experience of the staff?
 - Ensure that caregivers are qualified and experienced in early childhood education.
- 3. Can you provide references from other parents?
 - References can offer real insights into the daycare's operations and quality.

HEALTH& SAFETY

- 1. What are the safety and emergency procedures?
 - o Inquire about safety protocols, emergency plans, and staff training in first aid and CPR.
- 2. How do you handle medical emergencies or illnesses?
 - Understand their policies for handling sick children and medical emergencies.
- 3. What are the health and hygiene practices?
 - Ask about cleaning routines, diaper changing procedures, and illness prevention measures. Tip - Be sure to ask how often they sanitize toys.

1. Can I have a tour of the facility?

ENVIRONMENT

- A tour can provide insights into the cleanliness, space, and overall environment.
- 2. What kind of meals and snacks are provided?
 - Ensure that the food is nutritious and inquire about how they handle allergies.
- 3. How do you accommodate children with special needs?
 - Understand their approach and resources for children with diverse needs.

1. What is a typical day like?

CURRICULUM & ACTIVITIES

- Get an idea of the daily routine, activities, and balance between structured and free play. Make sure their idea of balance is in line with yours.
- 2. How do you support early literacy and numeracy?
 - Inquire about their educational approach, especially in areas like reading and math readiness.
- 3. What kind of outdoor or physical activities are offered?
 - Physical activity is crucial for young children, so ask about their facilities and routines.



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COMMUNICATION & PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- 1. How is communication handled between staff and parents?
 - Understand the frequency and methods of communication, like apps, emails, or meetings.
- 2. Are there opportunities for parent involvement?
 - Ask about ways parents can get involved or participate in the daycare community.
- 3. How do you handle behavioral issues and discipline?
 - It's important to know their approach to discipline and how they manage challenging behaviors.

TRANSITION & ADAPTATION

- 1. How do you help children adapt to the daycare setting?
 - Understand their strategies for easing the transition for new children.
- 2. What is the process for transitioning to different age groups within the daycare?
 - Know how they manage transitions as children grow and their needs change.

LICENSING & ACCREDITATION

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- 1. Is the daycare licensed and accredited?
 - Confirm that the daycare meets state licensing requirements and any additional accreditations.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS



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Must Haves	Wants
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