

Qualities of a Great Caregiver

When parents are looking for child care, many tend to look at the curriculum, activities and structure of the program. Of course, they are looking for the best way to prepare their children for life, so these attributes are important.

However, studies show that the most important aspect of a high-quality child care setting is the interaction between the primary caregiver and the child. The extent of nurturing and warmth given to your child by the person he/she sees most of the day is the most important part of any child care program.

When looking for the right program for your family, keep in mind indicators in a caregiver you want to leave your child with for several hours on a daily basis.

Below is a top ten list of the indicators of a high-quality child caregiver.

1. Loves children
2. Is positive and upbeat
3. Relates well to others
4. Is patient and flexible
5. Easily adjusts to constant interruptions
6. Shows concern for children's strong emotions, such as anger, sadness, & love
7. Desires continuous learning in early childhood development issues
8. Energetic
9. Great sense of humor
10. Dependable

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