

Interviewing the Provider

Mini-Minders will refer Providers who will best suit your daycare needs. As a parent, you are under no obligation to make a commitment with any of the Providers within this agency. It is recommended that both parents and the child(ren) are present during the interview. The parent will call the Provider directly and set up an interview. Mini-Minders will call you and the Provider, after the interview to discuss whether the Provider will meet your daycare needs.

This questionnaire is designed to assist parents in determining whether the Provider will meet the daycare needs of your child(ren). Please ensure that you ask these questions to the Providers.

1. How long have you been providing child care? Do you plan to offer this service on a long-term basis?
2. Will other adults be present during the day?
3. Have you taken a first aid course through Mini-Minders? If not, will you be taking it in the future?
4. What are the ages of the children you are currently taking care of?
5. What activities and routines are you prepared to offer during the day, i.e. books, crafts, songs, etc.?
6. What are your feelings about children watching television?
7. If my child is over 1 year of age, are you willing to feed my child a snack and lunch? What do you consider a nutritional lunch/snack?
8. Will you be transporting my child in your vehicle? Do you have appropriate auto coverage and child car restraints?
9. What rules or limits do you set for the children in your care?
10. How would you deal with a child who is misbehaving?
11. What would you do if my child is very ill?
12. Are your children generally healthy?
13. Will you be taking much time off of work?

14. What precautions will you take to ensure the safety of my child(ren)?
15. What do you do if there is an emergency with one of the children you are taking care of?
16. Where will my child have a nap? (Have Provider show you.)
17. Where will my child spend most of his/her day in your home?
18. How will you supervise my child and other children who are playing outdoors? Where will my child be playing outdoors and for how much time of the day?
19. What time does your day start and end?
20. Are there any pets in your home? How much time do they spend around the children and how will you supervise this?
21. Are you willing to help toilet train my child?
22. What variety of toys do you have available? Are you willing to replenish these if they are not sufficient?
23. My child is wearing disposable/cloth diapers.
24. Have the Provider give you a tour of the home (specifically areas that will be used).
25. Where do you keep medication and cleaning supplies?

WHEN INTERVIEWING MORE THAN ONE PROVIDER, IT IS COMMON COURTESY TO NOT MENTION THIS TO THE PROVIDER YOU ARE INTERVIEWING AT THE MOMENT.

THE DIPLOMATIC WAY IN ENDING THE INTERVIEW IS BY TELLING THE PROVIDER THAT YOU ENJOYED MEETING HER AND APPRECIATE SPENDING THE TIME ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS.