

What Questions Do I Ask on the Phone?

After you have found some names of possible providers, call each of them to narrow your choice. Start by introducing yourself. "My name is _____. I am looking for child care for my _____(age) child. I got your name from _____ and I would like to know if you have any openings."

Here are some sample questions you may want to ask. This information will help you decide which program is right for your family. You may want to have a copy of this sheet for each provider you call.

Provider's Name _____ **Phone #** _____
Address _____

What hours are you open? _____

Are you close to a bus line? _____

How old are the children you currently care for? _____

How many children do you care for? _____

How long have you been a child care provider? _____

How much do you charge? _____

Are there extra charges for anything? _____

What meals and snacks do you serve? _____

Do you have pets? _____

What kind of training do you have in child development?

What activities do the children do during the day? _____

How much time is planned and how much is free time? _____

How are the parents involved with your program? _____

When can I meet with you? _____

Directions to provider's home/center: _____

Other Questions:

