

Tips For Working With Your Child Care Provider

Tips:

- 1) Be very clear about the arrangement. Remember to drop off, pick up and pay on time.
- 2) Don't assume the provider knows all about your child.
- 3) Set up safety procedures.
- 4) Share information daily with your provider.

The Arrangement:

The days you need care are: _____

The hours you need care are: _____

The cost will be: _____

What if you, your child, or your provider is sick? _____

What does the cost include? _____

What do you need to provide? (supplies, food) _____

What happens when your provider needs a day off? _____

Tell Your Provider About Your Child:

What does your child like to do?

What happens when your child does not behave?

What frightens your child?

How does your child fall asleep?

How do they use the bathroom?

Safety:

Tell your provider about your child's allergies and medications.

Give the provider your phone number. Let them know how to reach you.

Make sure the provider has a person to call in case of an emergency.

Look over the space where your child will be. Is there anything your child could hurt themselves on?

Share information Daily:

Is your child happy today?

What happened last night?

Ask your provider how the day went.

If you disagree or have a problem, **talk about it right away.**

If it doesn't seem to be working....

If you or the provider feel frustrated or your child does not seem to be having many *good days*, things may not be working out. Try to talk about it with your child and the provider. If things don't get better, you will want to look for another provider.