



## UNITED WAY BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

# TIPS FOR SELECTING CHILD CARE

- Visit a variety of centers
- Look for a small number of children per adult in each classroom, particularly in the younger ages
- Ask if the center is accredited and licensed
- Ask about the level of staff training and education
- Do the children appear to be happy and involved in activities?
- Are the teachers happy and enjoying their work?
- Does the center appear clean and safe?
- Are there enough toys, supplies and equipment?
- Are classrooms divided into different play areas or centers for quiet time, a science and math activities, a dramatic play area and a reading area
- Ask about how parents get involved in the center
- Ask about the center's retention rate for teachers

