

Name _____ Hour _____

OBSERVATION

Plan a visit to a child care facility. Read any brochures or pamphlets published by the facility that explains its programs, philosophies, or goals. Observe the facility, answering the questions on this study guide.

1. Name of facility:

2. Ages of children in the facility:

3. Safety checklist:

- _____ There is adequate space for children.
- _____ Windows and doors are screened.
- _____ Room temperature is comfortable.
- _____ There are two exits in all rooms.
- _____ Areas are well lighted.
- _____ Bathroom facilities are clean and in good working order.
- _____ Water temperature is not too hot.
- _____ Powder or liquid soap is available for hand washing.
- _____ Diapering tables or mats are disinfected after each use.
- _____ There are waste baskets for trash.
- _____ Paper towels are available for hand washing.
- _____ Unused electrical outlets are covered with safety caps.
- _____ Extension cords are in good repair and taped down.
- _____ Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are located in appropriate places and are in good working order.
- _____ Exits are clearly marked and cleared of obstacles.
- _____ Stairs are free of toys and objects. Handrails are at children's height.
- _____ Food preparation areas are clean and sanitary.
- _____ First-aid supplies are available.
- _____ At least one child care worker is trained in CPR and first aid.
- _____ Emergency information for children is readily available.
- _____ There are adequate amounts of equipment and activity centers.
- _____ There are no sharp edges, nails, knives, or broken toys.
- _____ There are cushioned surfaces under play equipment.
- _____ The playground area is well groomed, fenced, and supervised.
- _____ Sand area is covered when not in use.
- _____ All hazardous materials are out of children's reach.
- _____ Children and supervisors wash hands frequently.

4. Basic philosophies and goals of the facility:

