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 clearly marked and cleared of obstacles.
   — 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.

4. Basic philosophies and goals of the facility:
5. Student-to-teacher ratio:

6. Description of the center:

7. Activities taking place during your visit:

8. Are the activities well organized?

9. Do the children appear to be happy and content?

10. Does the facility meet the needs of the age group it accommodates? Why or why not?

11. What are the center's strengths?

12. What are the center's weaknesses?

13. What would you do to improve the facility?

14. Would you choose this facility as an appropriate place for your child's care? Why or why not?