

Name _____ Hour _____

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Regardless of the type of child care you select for your child, there are certain rights and responsibilities that parents and providers have. In the spaces below, identify who is responsible for that particular item (P=Parent, CG=Caregiver). Be prepared to explain your answer.

1. Good communication

- _____ Accidents or problems should be reported immediately.
- _____ Agreement on terms of care--a written contract is best.
- _____ Ask questions rather than jump to conclusions if something disturbs you.
- _____ Commitments should be upheld.
- _____ Do not interfere in family problems.
- _____ Do not offer advice unless asked by parents.
- _____ Inform provider of your child's routines, activities, and likes and dislikes.
- _____ Parents wishes should be followed (discipline, television watching, special diets, etc.)
- _____ Questions should be welcomed and asked to you.
- _____ You should get frequent reports on the progress of your child.
- _____ Your expectations should be clearly defined.

2. Accessibility

- _____ You should be able to visit the center at any time.
- _____ You should be able to call your child, as you think necessary.

3. Safety

- _____ Child restraints should be used when traveling.
- _____ Electrical sockets should have safety covers.
- _____ Stairways should be closed to a child's use.
- _____ The center should be, in general, childproof (no sharp objects, no poisonous substances, etc.)

4. Child care providers should provide assurance that the child is being cared for by responsible, well-trained personnel.

- No belittling language but building of children's self esteem.
- No foul language.
- No teens acting as caregivers without consent.
- Strangers, transportation providers, visitors, friends, or relatives should be screened.

5. Any changes in routines should be made in advance

- 4-6 weeks notice of termination of child care.
- Hours of service should be posted.
- If you will be late picking up your child, let the caregiver know.
- Prices should be posted.
- Provider should be notified of vacations, dental/doctor appointments, or termination of care.
- Surprises are not welcome.
- Types of service provided should be posted.

6. Respect your care provider

- Respect your care provider. Providing day care is not babysitting--it is a job.
- Do not send children who are ill, hungry, or overly tired, unless you have informed the caregiver and he/she is in agreement with the decision.
- Pay your care provider on time--no rubber checks.

7. No jealousy

- Do not feel like you must compete for a child's love.