



Your Family/Home Child Care Checklist

Think about (and look at) your environment and rate the following areas indicating **S** for Satisfactory, **N** for Needs Improvement, and **NI** for Needs IMMEDIATE Improvement. Remember, you're not looking at how much space you have but how well you use it!

The arrival and entrance area:

- adequate parking for parents
- safe, well-lit entrance to home (e.g. snow cleared, path to door and steps in good repair)
- entrance area is warm and welcoming
- adequate space for adults and children
- washable door mat
- place for shoes and boots
- place for the children's outdoor clothes
- place for each child's personal belongings
- bulletin board for menu, parent info, pictures, etc.

The eating area:

- is cheerful and comfortable
- table and chairs
- any required booster seats, high chairs/infant chairs
- child-friendly dishes, cutlery and cups
- washable table, chairs and floor surface

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___ convenient sink

The personal care area:

___ is functional and bright

___ adequate space for adult and child(ren)

___ toilet, potty seat or chair

___ sink

___ soap dispenser

___ non-slip stool for access to sink

___ shelves for supplies

___ cleaning supplies (stored out of reach)

___ hooks/hangers/shelves for children's personal care supplies (face cloths, towels, toothbrushes, combs, etc.)

___ accessible diapering facilities (change table, necessary supplies/equipment)

The sleeping area:

___ is quiet and pleasant

___ comfortable mats, cots, or beds

___ individual bedding

___ cribs or playpens for infants/toddlers

___ window coverings to reduce brightness

Play areas:

___ are bright, cheerful and provide adequate space for intended use

___ child-sized table and chairs

___ adequate and accessible shelving and storage for toys, books, materials and equipment

___ shelves, tables or other furniture used to divide and organize areas for different kinds of play

___ comfortable rugs where appropriate

___ washable floors where appropriate

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____ children's artwork, posters and decorations

Space, equipment and supplies for:

____ creative play

____ block/building play

____ manipulative/cognitive play

____ dramatic play

____ language/reading activities

____ active play (indoors and outdoors)

Other areas:

Immediate Improvement: _____

Satisfactory: _____

Needs Improvement: _____