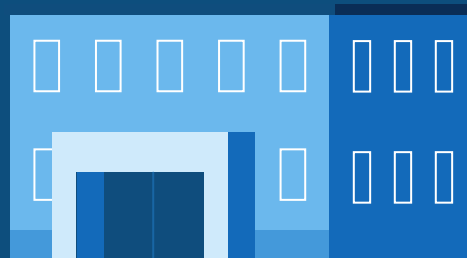
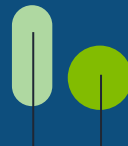


Looking for After-School Care



Your child's after-school environment should be a safe, nurturing space. Whether your child spends time at an organization like Boys & Girls Clubs or with an individual caregiver, you can do your part to find trustworthy adults.

Always make sure programs and individuals are credentialed and experienced. Here are some questions you can ask daycare staff and individual caregivers:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS, DAYCARES OR OTHER AFTER-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

1. What is the staff-to-child ratio?
2. Are children supervised at all times?
3. Can you provide information about the qualifications and training of the staff?
4. How do you handle discipline and behavior management?
5. What safety measures do you have in place, including emergency procedures?
6. Can you describe a typical day for the children in your care?
7. Do you provide any meals or snacks? If so, what is included and how are dietary restrictions accommodated?
8. How do you take care of sick children? What is your policy on administering medication?
9. What opportunities are there for outdoor play and physical activity?
10. How do you communicate with parents about their child's day and progress?
11. What is your routine for pick-up and drop-off?
12. What is your policy on parents and family visiting children during the day?



INDIVIDUAL CAREGIVERS/NANNIES

1. Can you provide references from previous families you've worked with?
2. Are you willing to complete a background check?
3. What is your childcare experience and training?
4. Are you certified in CPR and first aid for children?
5. What is your approach to discipline and handling challenging behavior?
6. What actions do you take to keep the children in your care safe?
7. Can you describe your typical daily routine with the children?
8. How do you handle meal preparation and dietary restrictions?
9. What activities do you plan for children during the day?
10. How do you handle sick days and medical emergencies, both when the child is sick and when you're sick?
11. Are you comfortable with and willing to adhere to any specific rules or guidelines set by the parents?
12. How will you handle transportation if necessary? Do you have a children's car seat/do you know how to set one up safely in your vehicle?

Asking these questions sets clear expectations that keep your child safe. You can also teach children about boundaries and maintain a strong presence in your child's life to ensure they feel comfortable coming to you if they ever feel unsafe.

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