What Type of Child Care Do You Prefer for Your Family?

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Do you prefer a facility that is more structured or more relaxed?

RELAXED

Do you prefer a more structured drop off/pick up process?

YES

Do you prefer all children to be of similar ages or varied ages?

SIMILAR AGES

Family and group child care homes often have less structured drop off/pick up practices, due to the smaller number of children.

STRUCTURED

Do you prefer a set schedule or do you require more flexibility?

MORE FLEXIBILITY

Do you prefer to be able to call and text to get updates during the day?

NO

Teachers in child care centers are often not allowed to have mobile phones. If updates are important to you, make sure to ask about their mobile phone policies.

YES

Do you prefer your child to be transported?

NO

Some family and group child care homes transport children to and from school. Make sure to ask potential child care providers if they transport.

YES

Do you prefer there to be more than one adult present?

NO

Based on your responses, you would most likely prefer...

YES

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CHILD CARE CENTER

Most centers separate the children into classrooms by ages. Depending on the number of adults in each classroom, there can be as many as 32 children in a classroom. Typically hours of operation are set and are less flexible with scheduling. Drop off & pick up times are often more structured, due to the large number of children in the facility. It is not uncommon for parents to drop their children off with one teacher and pick up from another.

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

Family child care homes have one adult who cares for as many as ten children at a time, depending on the ages of the children, which can vary from infant to school age. Some family child care homes transport in order to drop off/pick up school age children. These facilities are often less structured during drop off/pick up times, and allow for more flexibility in days & times care.

GROUP CHILD CARE HOME

Most group child care homes have two adults who care for as many as twelve children at one time, depending on the ages of the children, which can vary from infant to school age. It is more common for group child care homes to transport, since there is more than one adult. These facilities are often less structured during drop off/pick up times, and allow for more flexibility in days & times care.

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Based on your responses, you would most likely prefer...

Do you prefer all children to be of similar ages or varied ages?

VARIED AGES

Do you prefer your child to be transported?

DO YOU PREFER...

YES

NO

Do you prefer there to be more than one adult present?

YES

NO