

## **What to Look for in a Family Child Care Home**

- Is the provider registered/licensed with NYS if caring for more than two children?
- Is the registration/license/certification displayed?
- Check the expiration date of the registration/license.
- Check the registration/license to see if there are any waivers/restrictions.
- If the provider has an assistant(s), ask if the assistant(s), like the provider, has been fingerprinted and cleared through the NYS Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.
- Group Providers as well as Family Providers must be on site.
- Does the Provider have Family Child Care Insurance? (NYS does not require insurance.)
- Is the Provider certified in CPR or First Aid? Accredited with National Association of Family Child Care and/or other specialized education or training?
- Has the provider been trained in administering medication?
- What experience does the Provider have with multi-age groups of children?
- Is the Provider willing to provide you with his/her Social Security Number or Tax I.D. number to allow for the Child Care Tax Credit?
- Does the provider attend required trainings? (Ask to see copies of training certificates.)
- If it is Group Family Child Care, what credentials does the assistant(s) have? Does the Provider supervise the training and work of the assistant(s)?
- Is the child care space defined so children know where activities take place, where they get toys and put them away? Is there a defined diapering/toileting area away from food preparation? Does each child have an individual nap/rest area?