

## What to Look for in a School Age Care Program

- Is the program registered/licensed with New York State? Registration is mandated\*, requiring minimum standards.
- Does the program follow New York State Office of Children and Family Services staff/child ratio in School Age Care Center based programs?

<b>Age Of Child</b>	<b>Minimum Staff/Child Ratio</b>	<b>Maximum Group Size</b>
4-9 years	1:10	20
10-12 years	1:15	30

- NYS Family Child Care adult/child ratio is regulated. Family Child Care Providers must be visited and approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in order to care for two additional school age children.\*\*
- Does the program meet the following suggested standards of quality:
  - ✓ sufficient staff, with primary responsibility for children, are available to provide frequent personal contact
  - ✓ meaningful learning activities
  - ✓ supervised staff
  - ✓ immediate care offered as needed
  - ✓ staff involved in ongoing training and education
  - ✓ have all staff, including volunteers, been cleared through the NYS Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment?
  - ✓ do children have the opportunity to choose among multiple activities, and to be self-directed?
  - ✓ although children are not required to do homework at the program, is there a quiet space available, and assistance offered if needed?

\*Exemptions apply. Contact New York State Office of Children and Family Services or Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc.

\*\*Consult Child Care Resources of Rockland for more information about Family Child Care.