

## Preschool programs should...

### **focus on children.**

- Watch to see that children interact with other children and adults, so they can build healthy relationships.

### **have qualified staff.**

- Ask what degrees and training teachers have. Ask how long teachers and staffs have been with the program.

### **build relationships with families.**

- Ask how information and concerns are communicated between staff and families.

### **have organized management.**

- Check that the program is licensed with the state.
- Check whether the program has policies and practices to help keep children safe from preventable illness and injury.
- Ask about child-to-teacher ratio, which will determine how much individual attention your child will get.

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