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Common questions about day care facilities

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With a deadline as close as a child's birthday, parents often find themselves scrambling to find a day care facility for their child. But the process can be confusing, especially if you're not sure what to look for in a facility. Here are some common questions about day care facilities that you might have.

Q: How do I find a day care facility?
A: Start by asking for recommendations from friends, family and neighbors. You can also search for facilities online or call the local health department for a list of licensed facilities.

Q: What should I look for in a facility?
A: Look for a facility that is licensed and inspected by the state. Check the facility's reputation and ask to see the facility before enrolling your child. Make sure the facility has a good staff-to-child ratio and that the staff are trained and qualified.

Q: How much does day care cost?
A: Day care costs can vary widely, depending on the facility and the location. Some facilities offer sliding scale fees based on family income. It's important to ask about the facility's payment policy and any additional fees.

Q: How do I know if a facility is safe?
A: Ask to see the facility's safety records and check for safety features like fire exits, first aid kits and secure entrances. Make sure the facility has a clear emergency plan and that the staff are trained to handle emergencies.

Q: How do I know if a facility is good for my child?
A: Look for a facility that provides a nurturing and stimulating environment for your child. Check for age-appropriate toys and activities, and make sure the staff are warm and responsive to your child's needs.



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