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Choosing Child Care Checklist Not Just for Parents

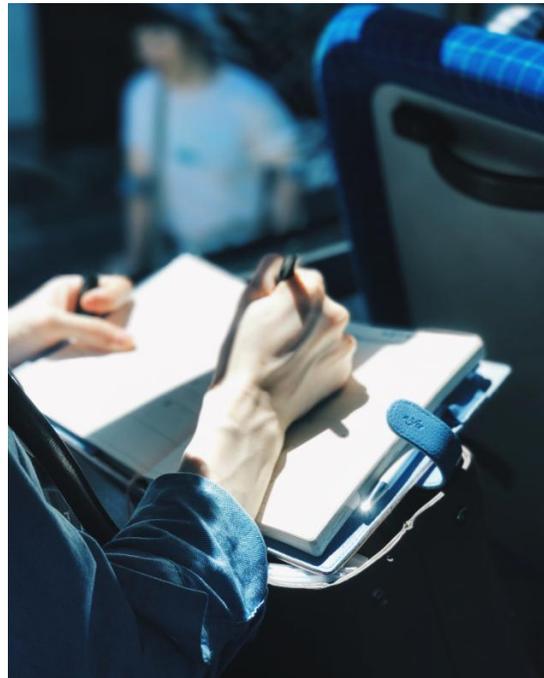
The [Choosing Child Care Checklist](#) is a free, hands-on guide parents use when searching for a quality child care provider. With more than 50 questions, the checklist guides parents through asking the most important questions when touring a facility.

There are at least two ways child care facilities can utilize the *Choosing Child Care Checklist*:

1. Provide the checklist to parents while touring your facility
2. As a resource to prepare teachers and providers for the questions families might ask when touring your facility

Sharing the checklist gives parents a sense of comfort during a stressful situation while showing off the strengths of your program.

Visit our site to download your own copy of the [Child Care Checklist](#) today.



Latest Programming Strengthens Families

Using research conducted by the Center for the Study of Social Policy, [Strengthening Families™](#) focuses on five protective factors to increase family strengths, enhance child development and reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect:

1. Parental Resilience
2. Social Connections
3. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
4. Concrete Support in Times of Need
5. Social and Emotional Competence of Children



Aside from asking child care providers to complete the self-assessment, the goals of

Strengthening Families are to:

- Understand risk factors for children and families
- Determine strategies to best assist the children they provide care for and their families

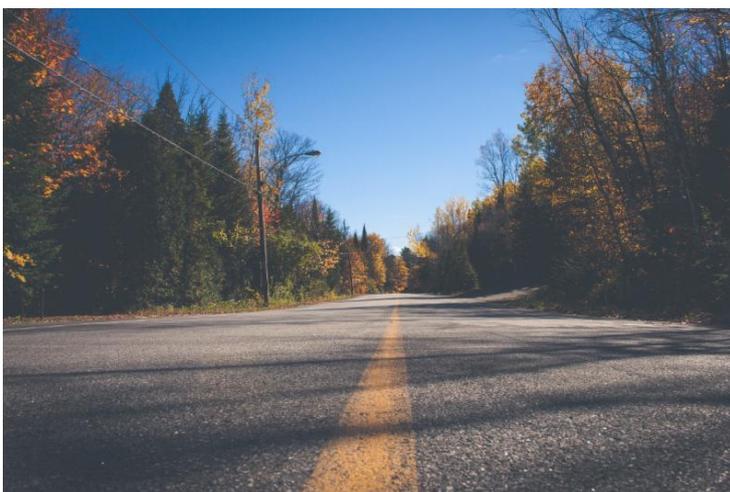
The self-assessment is required for two and three-star facilities. Once completed, the director or family child care home provider will receive certification, which can be displayed for families to see when entering your facility.

To learn more about Strengthening Families, [click here](#).

If you are a two-star center or family home center and need to complete the assessment, [click here](#).

Three-star centers or family homes can complete the assessment [here](#).

Traveling Arkansas' Professional Pathway Heads to Professional Development Registry



After 17 years, Traveling Arkansas' Professional Pathway (TAPP) is transitioning to the Professional Development Registry (PDR).

Founded in 2000 and funded by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Department of Early Childhood Education, TAPP is administered by Arkansas

State University's Childhood Services.

TAPP was created to insure quality training and education for early child care professionals, but was not required.

This month, TAPP announced its transition to PDR which requires all early education professionals working in a licensed child care facility to register as a member. If you are a member of TAPP, verify your account is up to date before applying for your new PDR number. If you need to join TAPP, [click here](#) to get started. There is no deadline to join.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Professional Development Registry and the training available to early child care professionals.

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