

Great New Beginnings Great New Beginnings

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Check Us Out!



Please refer to the detailed check list of important items to consider when choosing an early childhood learning center for your child. Our program is designed to accommodate your child's needs as an individual.

We look forward to meeting both you and your family!

**Great New Beginnings 1
1 Songsmith Drive
Bear, DE 19701**

**Great New Beginnings 2
14 St. Andrews Road
Bear, DE 19701**

**Great New Beginnings 3
125 Sleepy Hollow Drive
Middletown, DE 19709**

PROGRAM

Program 1

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Building appearance is friendly, inviting and well maintained?

Is the atmosphere fun and friendly?

Program participates in the Delaware Stars for Early Success?

Does each age group have their own separate outside play area with imagination building equipment?

Do the teacher to child ratios meet or exceed the State requirements?

Are there current Lesson Plans posted for the parents to view on the Parent News Board?

Children's bathrooms promote potty training and good bathroom habits?

Is T. V. /Movie time regulated for the children?

Computer program is available in age appropriate classrooms?

Classroom furniture is in good repair?

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Toys and classroom areas are well organized to promote learning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program has a positive approach to discipline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrator is responsible for “education” and not “business” matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Center interacts with local school district to assure children are screened and ready for their elementary school years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the classrooms inspected by management on a scheduled basis to address health and safety issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classrooms and hallways are decorated with children’s artwork?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do children seem happy and engaged in an activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does each classroom have a daily schedule posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would a child be able to grow and blossom in this environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community or other awards are displayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher and Administrator credentials are displayed throughout the center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Center pride is evident between students/staff throughout the hallways and classrooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled at least once a year? (program year)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are teachers consistent throughout the program year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all holidays celebrated in the classrooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is a foreign language incorporated into the daily curriculum?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the interaction between enrolled families and staff positive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a comprehensive parent handbook available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there evidence of writing samples and child produced activity samples?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classrooms are equipped with age appropriate toys and educational activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there daily written parent/teacher communication? (ask for a sample)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers have updated access to learning resource guides in their lesson plan process?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Accommodations are made for children with special developmental needs or challenges?

FACULTY

Center has a current annual license posted (State of Delaware Licensing 302-892-5800)

We were greeted in a friendly professional manner?

Right to Know form was given to family at time of tour?

Staff is drug tested on a routine schedule?

My child was greeted and interacted with during the tour?

Are teachers updating their knowledge on a regular basis through formal training?

Tour was informative?

Staff credentials exceed State of Delaware requirements?

Is there an administrator/owner available after hours for questions or concerns? All families receive the owner's home number , cell number and email address?

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Staff and students are required to have physical screening and physician notes upon returning from illness?

Are parent references available for individual teachers/classrooms?

Is the Administrator's day organized to allow for constant classroom observation and interaction?

Is the office staffed with management during all hours?

Does center office seem organized and efficient?

Prior employment references are verified prior to Staff hiring?

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Adequate management is present in facility to address visitors and emergencies?

Center has a detailed emergency plan in place that includes an evacuation location?

Children with food restrictions and allergies can be accommodated?

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Staff Members are medication certified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classrooms are equipped with telephones for emergency use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playground fencing is security height and in good repair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are seat belts utilized in the transportation used for field trips?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the center have a health care consultant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cots are used for naptime instead of mats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility utilizes professional janitorial service to promote a clean environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff members are trained how and when to use Epi Pens (food allergy management)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the playground have a safe play surface of at least 12-inch depth of wood chips, mulch, sand or other material to prevent head injury?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blind hooks are utilized to prevent entanglement and strangulation in window blind cords?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a procedure for diagnosing and treating ill children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are the teachers provided with up-to-date information on recalled toys and children's products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication is not stored in classrooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the center odor free indicating proper classroom hygiene?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the center observe Public Health recommendations in regards to child illnesses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are parents notified in writing when their child is injured and called when appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the center have pets which pose health hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the classrooms toys/tables disinfected daily?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the center have an AED (Automatic External Difibrillator) Unit and Oxygen Unit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the staff trained on the proper use of the AED Unit and Oxygen Unit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance staff available to do routine repairs to keep center safe for children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Security

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Main door past lobby is secure and no entry is permitted into facility without security verification?

Facility has an exclusive parent/staff parking area not shared with other businesses/shopping center?

Valid photo ID was requested and logged prior to entry into facility?

Photo ID was compared against “Megan’s Law” community sex offender listing? (updated monthly)

Security cameras are present and are monitored by managerial staff?

Center telephone is answered (302-838-1500-Governor’s Square) (302-838-1000-St. Andrews) (376-1700-Bunker Hill) and does not ring to voice mail?

Are fire extinguishers accessible in the main hallways? (current annual tags indicating yearly inspection are visible)

All Staff members are CPR/First Aid Certified?

Staff is easily identifiable. Badges or GNB issued Apron/ Shirt?

All staff is fingerprinted and criminal background checks are performed prior to employment?

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Are enrolled families allowed to enter the facility at any time?

Children/Staff are visible through classroom doors and windows and children are not secluded from sight?

Security procedure is in place to log children in and out?

Nutrition

Kitchen Facility is clean?

Full time/consistent Kitchen Staff knowledgeable about nutrition in charge of food preparation/menu planning?

Do the children participate in “Family Style” meal time?

Kitchen permitted by the State of Delaware?
(verify license in hallway)

Copy of current menu is available?

Is center’s Kitchen Manager ServSafe certified to assure Safe food handling?