

About This Type of Care

Families choosing this type of care may not need a full-time program but may be looking for a program that focuses on school readiness. While some preschool programs may operate on a full-day, year-round schedule, some may not.

It is always important to ask your preschool provider or check with your local [Child Care Resource and Referral agency](#) to check to see if your provider is required to be licensed. You may also want to check to see if your preschool program participates in your state's [Quality Rating and Improvement System](#).

Tips for Choosing This Type of Care

- Ask to see a copy of the program's license and inspection history. These reports provide you valuable information about the provider's health and safety compliance. Click on [Child Care by State Resource](#) to find out more information on licensing and inspection reports in your state.
- Confirm that every adult working or volunteering in the preschool program has had a comprehensive background check.
- Ask the provider about the number of adults and children present (staff to child ratios).
- For more information on questions to ask your preschool provider, [see our Preschool Program Checklist](#).