



Guidelines for Setting Up a Quality Childcare Program

The success of a ministry to moms heavily depends on the quality of childcare offered. Consider these guidelines as you plan for childcare.

- Select a childcare coordinator who fully supports the Mom to Mom Ministry.
- Find ways to communicate to childcare providers that they are part of the team.
- Affirm the childcare workers often.
- Complete a background check on each worker.
- Ensure there are at least two childcare workers in each room.
- Become familiar with recommended worker/child ratios and adhere to those guidelines.
- An allowance of 35 sq. ft. per child in each room is suggested.
- Determine if any of the children in your care has allergies.
- Establish sick policies and provide all participants with copies.
- Make sure all workers are familiar with an evacuation plan should there be an emergency such as fire, tornado, etc.
- Clean toys and equipment after each use. Cover electrical outlets. Cleanliness and safety are paramount.
- Remove broken or sharp objects that could endanger a child.
- Keep restroom doors open when accompanying children to the restroom.
- Change diapers in a designated space with cleaning supplies readily available.
- Wash hands often, especially after changing a diaper, wiping a nose, etc. Teach children to wash their hands often.
- Use the time with children to share simple Bible truths, perhaps in the form of a Bible story and verse.
- Select a simple Bible-based curriculum to use as a guide.
- Provide the kind of childcare ministry that helps instill in each child a love for God and for coming to church.
- Pray for the childcare ministry, workers, children, and moms on a regular basis. Prayer makes a difference.
- Smile often.