



# Questions for Teachers

(And Child Care Providers)

**S**o, you want to know how your child is doing at preschool, but you don't know how to ask...

...try some of these questions

1. Is my child doing as well as he/she should?
2. What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
3. Will any assessments be conducted this year? What are they and when will they be given?
4. How can I support my child's development at home?
5. What schedule does my child have during the day?

6. Does my child get along well with other children?

7. Does my child show any behavior, such as squinting, being tired or irritable, that may be a sign of a medical or emotional problem?

8. What are the discipline procedures in the classroom?

9. Are there any discipline problems with my child?

10. How does my child handle himself during meal times? What does he eat? How does he eat?

## Remember...

If your child care provider tells you that your child has a problem, you have the right to observe your child during the day, and you may want to get a second opinion.



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The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at [www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi](http://www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi). The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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