

Know Your Rights

When your child is in child care or preschool, as a parent you have certain rights and responsibilities. You should also be aware of laws that are in place to protect your children.

You have the right to:

- Enter and inspect the child care facility (home or center) without advance notice whenever your child is in care
- File a complaint against the licensee with the licensing office and review the licensee's public file kept by the licensing office
- Review, at the child care facility, reports of licensing visits and substantiated complaints against the licensee made during the last three years
- Complain to the licensing office and inspect the child care facility without discrimination or retaliation against you or your child
- Be notified and receive, from the licensee, a written notice that lists the name of any person not allowed in the child care facility while children are present
- Request in writing that a parent not be allowed to visit your child or take your child from the child care facility, provided you have shown a certified copy of a court order
- Receive the name, address and telephone number of the local licensing office from the licensee
- Be informed by the licensee, upon request, of the name and type of association to the child care facility for any adult who has been granted a criminal record exemption, and that the name of the person may also be obtained by contacting the local licensing office
- Receive, from the licensee, the caregiver background check process form
- Be informed when a communicable disease or injury defined as an unusual incident by Community Care Licensing has arisen with your child

Your responsibilities are to:

- Keep your child home when sick unless sick care is provided
- Let the teacher know you are interested in understanding your child's progress in child care

- Share information about the child and home that may affect behavior
- Set goals with the teacher and share in decisions made about your child's care
- Discuss problems and concerns with the teacher first
- Show appreciation for teachers
- Continually hone your parenting skills and understanding of children
- Volunteer to assist the teacher in some way
- Follow the child care program's policies and reread the contract and policy manual regularly
- Read to your child and spend time talking and playing together

Know the laws that protect your children:

[Megan's Law](#): to provide the public with Internet access to detailed information on registered sex offenders.

[Oliver's Law](#): to allow parents to review the safety of a child care program or facility.

Source: [Community Care Licensing](#)