Twelve Questions To Ask Potential Daycare Providers In Texas

There have been more than one shocking story of <u>child abuse in Texas daycare</u> centers this month – one former daycare employee was accused of sexual misconduct with a child for the fourth time, while another daycare was shut down after accusations of physical abuse. Although it is impossible to prevent against every instance of <u>Dallas daycare abuse and Dallas daycare neglect</u>, you can reduce your chances of these incidents by carefully choosing a daycare for your children.

Here are twelve questions you should ask potential Texas daycare providers:

- 1. What is your teacher/aide to child ratio?
- 2. How do you discipline the children in your care?
- 3. How do you supervise the children in your care?
- 4. May I drop by your daycare to visit without calling first?
- 5. What is the process you use when hiring childcare staff members?
- 6. Do you do background checks on your staff workers?
- 7. How are your daycare staff members trained?
- 8. If there are older children at the facility, are they separated from the younger children?
- 9. How do you prevent against daycare accidents and injuries?
- 10. Are there security cameras on site at your daycare center?
- 11. Has your daycare ever been under investigation for daycare abuse or daycare neglect?
- 12. Why did you become a childcare provider and decide to open a daycare?

Remember that you should not get all of your Texas daycare information from the owner or director herself – be sure to talk to parents who use the daycare center and be sure to do research on the history of the daycare center before signing your child up.