
Ten common courtesies child care providers appreciate from families

1. Open communication

Clearly and carefully explain your wishes and expectations regarding your child's care. Also provide updates on the concerns and progress your child is making.

2. Agree on policies and arrangements

You should fully understand the terms and arrangements of the child care provider. A written contract between the child care provider and family is recommended.

3. Honesty and trust

Although you need to be concerned about safeguarding your child, you should still trust your child care provider. When concerns develop, show your trust by asking questions rather than jumping to conclusions.

4. Advance notice of and agreement to any changes

Child care providers deserve reasonable notice if you are going to be late arriving or picking up your child, discontinuing services, taking a vacation or changing your hours.

5. Responsibility

When you provide diapers, formula, a change of clothes, or other supplies, you should bring them before they are needed and label them with your child's name.

6. Secure alternative child care arrangements

Alternative child care will be necessary for those times when your child care provider cannot care for your child. These may include when your child is ill, when the child care provider is ill, or during holidays, or vacations. Discuss with your child care provider the procedure for handling these times and be ready to make alternative arrangements if necessary.

7. Payment on time

Child care providers are professionals that operate a business. They pay expenses and rely on your fee payment to pay salaries, utilities, food, etc.

8. Respect

Child care programs and child care providers invest resources in the environment and equipment.

Please model and teach your child how to respect and care for other people's personal property and equipment.

9. Understanding

Your child will develop a trusting relationship with the child care provider. Understand that this relationship does not diminish the love your child feels for you.



10. Appreciation and support

There is a great need to keep quality child care providers in the profession. Say "thank you." Demonstrate your appreciation with cards, flowers, small gifts, a bonus, or volunteer your services.