Finding Good Childcare

Tips on finding good childcare:

1. Talk to other parents

Ask parents you know and trust, and don't forget to read internet reviews!

2. Make a visit and then look, ask, think

Arrange to visit the childcare or person who will be watching your child. Ask yourself, is this a place/person I can trust to nurture, teach, and protect my child?

3. Look for a child-friendly, stimulating environment

You want an environment that has plenty of toys, games, learning opportunities, and other positive stimulation to help your child's brain grow.

4. Look for people who seem to really like children

Your child will thrive around people who like children. Watch how the teachers interact with kids and ask questions like, "why did you go into childcare?", "what do you like about your job?", and "what don't you like about your job?"

5. Work cooperatively with the teachers and/or provider

Once you have chosen a good provider, you need to continue to work with them. Become a good team! Communicate with them, observe them in action, and problem-solve together. If you feel that they aren't a good fit, be open to change and find a new provider.