

Know The FAACTs

Parents: Considerations When Choosing Preschools

- Visit the preschool's website
- Talk to your neighbors
- Go to community functions and ask other parents their input
- Participate in any "open house" events
- Schedule a tour of the school:
 - When visiting centers or schools, be sure to ask questions and keep notes to compare with other schools.
 - Call the preschool to set up a meeting. Ideally, if your child is entering the preschool age, contacting the preschool at least 1-2 years prior, as there is possibly a wait list.
- Does the school participate in a federally funded program?
- Parents may refer their child to be evaluated for a [[Section 504 plan](#)] or [[Individual Education Plan \(IEP\)](#)]. For instructions on how to refer your child for a Section 504 Plan or an IEP, visit the [[Civil Rights Advocacy](#)] page.
- In choosing a preschool capable of accommodating your child's needs, look for knowledge and practices among caregivers that includes:
 - A general awareness of food allergies
 - Constant diligence in the management of food-allergic students
 - Careful label reading habits
 - Avoidance measures of offending foods, arts and crafts containing allergens, etc.
 - Procedures for preventing of cross-contact
 - A protocol for enacting emergency procedures
 - Confidence in administering epinephrine appropriately
 - Previous and ongoing training on food allergy management for caregivers