

Adjustments to Day Care



Here is a list of guidelines to help parents to prepare their children to participate in a child care home setting. It is expected during the first few weeks there will be an adjustment period for every child. Some feel comfortable right away, others take a little longer. All children are different and crying is to be expected :o)

The purpose of my guidelines is to answer many questions parents have asked of me over the years, especially new parents....What to expect and what I expect when bringing your child to day care. I hope this helps.

1. Children should be adjusted to daycare within a 2 to 4 week period...but could take longer.
2. Kids crying during this time is expected when the parents leave for several minutes.
3. Kids will be able to adjust & play / interact with other children in a friendly manner. Hitting, biting and being mean to each other is not acceptable behavior at Laura's house.
4. Kids will be able to calm down in a reasonable amount of time if / when they get upset about something.
5. As children get older, I should be able to reason with them and they will be able to listen to me. I believe communication and understanding is the key to happy children in care.
6. Children will be able to go to sleep on their own in a crib or bed in a separate bedroom, in a reasonable amount of time.
7. Infants / toddlers should be able to play happily in an enclosed / play-yard area when necessary for short periods of time.
8. Children are not expected to eat all food served to them, but I do encourage them to try new foods throughout the month. A child is never forced to finish his or her plate!