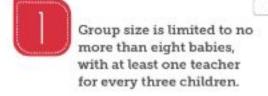


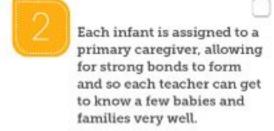
What to Look for in an Infant Program

The early years (birth through age 8) are critical learning years, and qualified early childhood professionals accelerate how our children learn, develop, and build the skills needed to get along with others and succeed in school and life.

NAEYC offers these tips to assist parents in selecting a safe, nurturing, and stimulating learning environment for their infants.

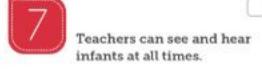
For infants, a high-quality program means:

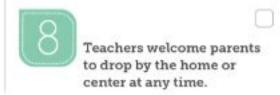




- Teachers show warmth and support to infants throughout the day; they make eye contact and talk to them about what is going on.
- Teachers are alert to babies' cues; they hold infants or move them to a new place or position, giving babies variety in what they can look at and do.
- Teachers follow standards for health and safety, including proper hand washing, to limit the spread of infectious disease.
- Teachers pay close attention and talk and sing to children during routines such as diapering, feeding, and dressing.







For more tips on choosing a high-quality early childhood education program visit http://families.naeyc.org