

## Questions to Ask When Choosing an Infant and Toddler Care Program

1. Is the child care provider licensed by the State of California Community Care Licensing Division?
2. Is the Center clean and safe?
3. Is the room(s) peaceful?
4. Is at least one of the primary caregivers certified in Pediatric CPR and First Aid?
5. Does each group of four infants/toddlers have a primary caregiver assigned to take care of them regularly?
6. Is the staff stable so that each child has developed a comfortable ongoing relationship with at least one person?
7. Is there time for uninterrupted play and freedom to explore and interact with other infants and toddlers?
8. Is there involvement of the child in all care activities to allow the child to become an active participant rather than a passive recipient?
9. Are infants allowed to develop their motor skills, posture, and self-esteem using their own motivation? Are they allowed to roll over by themselves, move into a sitting position, and learn to crawl without adult manipulation and positioning? Are they allowed to pull themselves up and walk by themselves without being "helped" or "taught"?
10. Are the equipment and toys developmentally appropriate for the age of the children using them? Do the equipment and toys allow the children as much freedom, mastery, and attention span as they are capable of and is the use of the equipment and toys open-ended?
11. Does the primary caregiver or provider listen to your needs and address them in a reasonable amount of time?

## Program Information

We are open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Monday through Friday year around,  
except holidays.

Children can enroll full time (five days per week) or part time for either three days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) or two days (Tuesday and Thursday.)

Our program is open to all families without regard to race, socioeconomic background, or religious affiliation.

The program is appropriate for most children six weeks to two years of age. We also accept children with special needs.

Children are admitted when an opening in the appropriate developmental group is available.



To arrange a tour of  
St. James' Infant/Toddler Development  
Center  
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Serving Children Six Weeks  
to Two Years of Age



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# Who Are We?

The Saint James' Infant/Toddler Development Center is a mission of **St. James' Episcopal Church.**

We provide safe and nurturing child care for infants and toddlers ages six weeks to two years.

Recognizing the need for children to explore and grow at their own pace, the center's environment encourages age-appropriate movement and exploration.

Our caregivers are trained and experienced in First Aid, CPR, and all aspects of child development, particularly in appropriate practices for children in group care.

Our caregivers are also trained in the internationally recognized Resources for Infant Educators (R.I.E.) philosophy and techniques.

When you walk into our Center, you will sense an immediate feeling of security, warmth, and love for the children in our care.

# Our Goals

- ❁ To provide a predictable learning and nurturing environment for infants and toddlers ages six weeks to two years.
- ❁ To support our families as they balance everyday demands such as work, school, and other activities.
- ❁ To help parents develop the skills needed to integrate the Center's philosophy at home.



# What We Believe

The R.I.E. philosophy is based on respect for a child to be a capable guide in her/his own learning. True respect for a child in our care means:

- ❁ Providing adequate time and space to explore, discover, and challenge their abilities in a safe and supportive environment.
- ❁ Trusting children's cues. Our caregivers first learn each child's own way of getting her/his needs met, through interaction with both the parents and the child and then the caregivers respond accordingly.
- ❁ Allowing children to develop new skills naturally. There is no pressure or expectation for a child to achieve "milestones". Learning is based on process, not tasks.
- ❁ We work closely with parents to address the individual needs of each child.
- ❁ Recognizing the value and uniqueness of every child, parent, and caregiver we work with. We listen to and learn from each one of them.
- ❁ Permitting children to express all feelings. There are no "good" or "bad" feelings—our caregivers help children understand and deal with their emotions.
- ❁ Above all, we make every effort to make each child's experience with us positive and enjoyable.

