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For a list of certifying agencies:

Search all regulated child care at:
http://childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov
Make Separation Easier

When you place your child in child care, it may be the first time you and your child are separated on a regular basis.

To help you both feel more secure and at ease with the separation and the child care arrangement, here are a few suggestions:

- Visit the child care setting, whether it is a center or a family child care home, before you make a definite decision.
- Talk to your child about the home or center, the other children, the toys, the things they may do.
- Spend time with your child in the child care setting to ease the strangeness. Make separation as gradual as possible.
- Tell the adult in charge about any allergies, physical problems, or any special eating, napping, or toileting habits your child may have.

Bring a Piece of Home

Children feel better about separation if they can bring a piece of home with them.

- A favorite blanket, teddy bear, doll or special toy can be comforting.
- A picture of mom or dad.
- A picture of a clock showing the time “I’ll be back for you”.
- Mom’s or dad’s work telephone number tucked into the child’s pocket and another copy given to the caregiver.

Allow Time for Goodbyes

Allow plenty of time for “goodbyes” and “hellos”. It makes separating a little easier.

- Children need time to say “goodbye” and a chance to get involved in an activity at the child care setting before you leave.
- They also need time to say “goodbye” to their playmates and things when they leave the child care setting.
- Children need to know the days and times they will be taken to the child care arrangement and that they will be picked up on time.

All children react differently to separation, depending upon their ages and experiences. The older the child, usually the more she or he is able to remember and understand the words, “I’ll be back for you”.

You and the caregiver can work together to make separation a positive experience for your child. If your child can learn to trust that child care is not abandonment, but a pleasant, comfortable arrangement, then the next parting your child will face will be more understandable and easier to accept.

For information about regulated child care providers in your area, turn to the back page...