

TEN QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Prime Time Palm Beach County has worked for 25 years to provide resources and supports to afterschool and summer programs so they can inspire children to be their best and support them to thrive socially and academically.

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1 Does the program have written policies to protect the safety of children?

2 Is the program organized? Ask if activities usually begin and end on schedule. Does the staff seem to be rushed or calm?

3 Are the staff trained to work with children?

4 Does the afterschool staff work and play well with the children? Spend time watching how the staff members interact with the children.

5 Does the staff regularly tell parents what is going on in the program?

6 Do the children in the program seem happy? Are they playing together peacefully, or are they fighting and arguing with each other?

7 How does the staff handle conflicts, arguments, disagreements or misunderstandings among the children? Are there clear rules for behavior?

8 Are there a range of engaging activities for children to do or is the program "one size fits all"?

9 Are the youth in the program taking part in activities? Are they interested or are they bored? Do they seem to be enjoying the activity?

10 Does the program allow children to work on homework? Are there other things the children are learning during the program?

