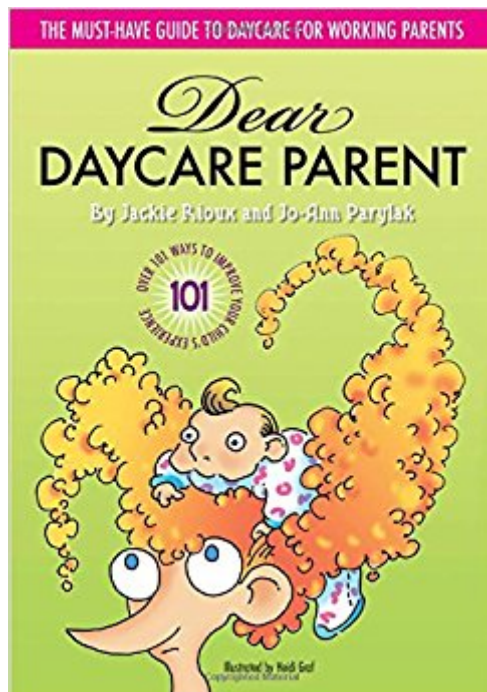


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# Dear Daycare Parent



## Synopsis

You've done the research. You've visited the facility. You've met the teachers. You've made your decision. But now what? Each year, millions of parents around the world put their children into daycare. And while they, like you, have done their research and found the right school, many are not prepared for what comes next. Having a successful daycare or preschool experience goes beyond picking the school that's right for you and your child. It's about asking the right questions, preparing for the unexpected, taking action, communicating, and so much more! Feeling overwhelmed? Don't! Dear Daycare Parent has you covered! Written in a fun, easy-to-understand manner, Dear Daycare Parent provides you with all the information you need to have a great childcare experience. Authors Jackie Rioux and Jo-Ann Parylak, have drawn from their combined forty-five years of childcare experience to bring you over 100 tips and real-life examples, covering everything from drop-off to departure. So don't wait. Get Dear Daycare Parent and start enhancing your child's experience today!

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Leaving one's child in the care of another can be nerve-racking, but the authors' upbeat, long-term perspective will assist parents in valuing their providers and doing best by their offspring. For all libraries. Library Journal (starred review) --Library Journal This is an invaluable blueprint for navigating the land of drop-offs, snack time, and early childhood socialization. Foreword Reviews --Foreword Reviews An indispensable manual for parents venturing into the unknown territory of day care. Kirkus Reviews (starred review) --Kirkus Reviews

Jackie Rioux has been in the child development field for over twenty-five years, most recently with Knight Hall School in West Hartford, Connecticut where their tradition of delivering a quality child-care experience, since 1929, is still in practice. Prior to joining Knight Hall, Jackie served as Assistant Director of the preschool at the former world-renowned Newington Children's Hospital in Newington, Connecticut. Her vast experience includes all phases of the child-care industry including starting daycare and pre-school programs from scratch. She has had much success in creating learning and cognitive development programs throughout her career and is widely recognized as a leader in her field. Jackie holds a B.A. in Child Development from Central Connecticut State University. Jo-Ann Parylak has over twenty years of experience in early childhood education, working most recently at Knight Hall School in West Hartford, Connecticut, where teachers such as Jo-Ann help foster learning in a non-competitive, loving environment. Prior to joining Knight Hall, Jo-Ann served as a preschool teacher at the Newington Children's Hospital in Newington, Connecticut. During her ten-year career at Newington, Jo-Ann fostered a reputation as a creative storyteller. She is a member of four storytelling organizations: The League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling, The Connecticut Storytelling Association, The National Storytelling Association, and the Healing Story Alliance. Today, Jo-Ann uses her passion for storytelling in her work as a reading tutor for children. She also spent over a decade teaching adults to read as a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford. Jo-Ann received her A.S. in Early Childhood Education from Greater Hartford Community College, now known as Capital Community College, in Hartford, Connecticut.

I bought this book for my cousin who recently gave birth to their first child. This book does a great job of capturing many of the emotions and decisions that go into sending your child to a daycare. A lot of the information is "common sense" but it never seems that obvious when you're in the middle of dealing with it. I haven't had my own kids in daycare for 18 years, but this book brought back all the issues of dealing with sending your child to daycare. I forgot how stressful daycare could be (especially the guilt you feel when you drop off your child). This book does a nice job of succinctly discussing each topic; I found many of the real-life examples mirrored my own experiences. This is a nice resource for new parents.

I bought this for a baby shower gift but of course, I read it first! It is a great reference for anyone who currently uses or anticipates using day care. This book takes all the guesswork out of what to

expect from your daycare facilities and why they do what they do. Each topic has a 'Why is This Important' section, to explain in plain English the reason for the key points listed. The 'Real Life Examples' are worth the price of the book alone. Whether you have one or five kids in daycare, have never used daycare before, or have been using daycare for years - this book is a valuable tool. Think of this book the next time you are searching for the perfect baby shower gift.

I purchased Dear Daycare Parent as a gift. What really made the sale for me was the fact that this book talks about all the little things new parents just don't think of. Daycare is so different today then it was years ago and there is so much that many of us might never think about. Everything a new parent may not know or take for granted is explained with real life examples which makes all the difference. I am very happy giving this gift because I feel like it has tremendous value for my friend. I highly recommend it!

This is a fun book- from the stories to the artwork you really get a sense of what is going on in daycare while the rest of us are working! I highly recommend this book to any new mom or dad.

Contains a wealth of useful information. A great resource for parents!!

If your kids are starting daycare or you're having difficulties with your current center, you need this book. The authors, Jackie and Jo-Ann, are seasoned daycare providers and have lots of experience to offer. The guide starts with the basics and moves quickly through your child's journey from arrival to departure noting all the points for potential friction and how to avoid it. Each key point is explained and summarized using real world examples. This way you get a deeper understanding of the subject as the wise authors provide an elegant solution. The guide is littered with inspirational quotes and funny war stories from the author's past. At the back is an opportunity to join a free online community of fellow Dear Daycare Parent readers. Overall, this lovely book is a well-written, beautifully illustrated guide for parents contemplating their day care options. Buy it now and Jackie and Jo-Ann will have you poised for success by removing all surprises from your day care plans.

Great gift for first time parents. Dear Daycare parent is full of helpful reminders for parents with young kids in daycare. It contains engaging, helpful stories and examples of each of the tips listed in the book. This book sets the stage for the important partnerships that parents can form with those

that play important roles in their child's life. Reading this book has changed my perspective about how parents should approach daycare in order to provide a child with the best experience possible. It makes the process smooth and easy, and guides you every step of the way.

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