Starting in a new childcare setting can be a big change. It takes time to get used to a new provider. It is especially hard if this is the first time you are leaving your child in someone else’s care. You probably have some questions about childcare, even if you have used other childcare before. This packet may help answer some of those questions.

What is the Welcome Packet?

The information in the Welcome Packet will help you get used to your new childcare setting. There are two different kinds of papers in the packet:

1. Some information may be from your childcare provider. It may be about services he or she provides. This may include your agreement, policies, or maybe the daily schedule. This information is specific to your childcare setting.

2. Other handouts are from the Provider-Parent Partnership Web site. They talk about topics related to childcare. Some handouts will be very useful right now. For example, one is called Understanding Childcare Contracts and Rules. Other handouts might help you later. You may never need some of them, but they are here in case you do.

Where do the handouts come from?

The handouts that look like this one come from the Provider-Parent Partnership (PPP) Web site.

Some handouts look different because they came from other universities or organizations. All of the handouts were reviewed by people at Purdue University. Faculty and graduate students from the Purdue Extension created PPP to help providers and parents work together to support children as they grow. It is written for childcare providers. It explains how they can support parents. The site includes many different handouts that providers can use with parents. Some of those handouts are in this packet.

Will I get anything else from the Provider-Parent Partnership website?

Your childcare provider may give you other handouts at other times. Maybe you will ask questions about your child’s growth and learning. Maybe you will ask about childcare. Your provider might give you a handout with more information after talking with you. Your provider may give a handout to every parent in the program. Parents often have the same questions.

We hope this packet is helpful to you. We hope it answers questions that you have about starting care in a new childcare setting. Welcome!