



ChildCarers 50+ Project

**IDEAS ABOUT SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS
NECESSARY TO BECOME A CHILD CARER**

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Premise

In this presentation, COOSS considers skills and qualifications of operators working in a
PRIVATE AND SPECIALIZED Childcare Service.
Such a service could be sporadic or daily, depending on family needs and requirements.



BASIC SKILLS

COOSS has many years of experience in Childcare Services with qualified staff and with a shared and defined *know-how*.

The basic skills that all COOSS operators working with children must possess are:

- **Hygiene and well-being of the child**
- **Physical development of the child**
- **Psychological development of the child**
- **Infectious diseases and vaccinations**
- **First aid interventions**
- **Specific Developmental Disorders and special needs**

Note. These skills were highlighted also by the responses collected in the survey



SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Required in a private and specialized Childcare Service.

- **Know how to identify and meet the primary needs of children:**
 - respond properly to their complex affective, cognitive, physical and relational needs, through interventions that promote the child's autonomy;
 - follow the psycho-physical development of the single child, through direct observation and verifying the validity of the pedagogical-educational choice.
- **Know how to adopt the most appropriate relational approach:**
 - pay specific attention to occasional interventions, where there isn't an established trust relationship;
 - activate and develop the creative and relational abilities of children;
 - foster self-creation processes and promote individual autonomy through small group experiences.
- **Know how to prevent and deal with risk situations that may involve children :**
 - ensure careful vigilance;
 - arrange for custody and preservation of the material goods and equipment provided;
 - keep in order and in good condition the materials used at home, in educating children to respect for the environment and objects;
 - comply with all safety regulations adopted.
- **Know how to provide socio-sanitary assistance :**
 - observe the necessary hygienic care;
 - follow the feeding of children.



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Required in a private and specialized Childcare Service.

- **Know how to support children with different skills in psycho-pedagogic activity:**
 - arrange the environment and the choice of educational proposals contained therein;
 - adapt educational proposals to different development stages and to the different age groups of children.
- **Know how to cooperate within a multidisciplinary group and to relate properly with other operators : -**
 - participate and promote periodic meetings;
 - share educational planning.
- **Know how to support the family :**
 - propose activities and performances able to provide the necessary information, ensuring constant dialogue and educational continuity;
 - promoting activities and opportunities to bring together families.
- **Know how to document the activities:**
 - arrange and organize the documentation related to service activities and the information collected by the reference figures (parents, tutors, grandparents): e.g. perform and transcribe observations, prepare the material for the activity of children, provide documentary evidence of the work.



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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