

Flexible Bedroom Preparation Checklist

Prepare a safe, welcoming room that can adapt to different ages and preferences without feeling institutional or overly childish.

Safety and function

- Confirm sleeping arrangements meet current licensing and agency rules.
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Secure medications, weapons, chemicals, tools, alcohol, nicotine, and sensitive records.
- Provide a working light and a clear path to the door.
- Check furniture stability, window safety, cords, and age-appropriate childproofing.

Comfort without assumptions

- Use neutral bedding and simple decor.
- Provide a clean pillow, blanket, towel, and laundry option.
- Leave room for the child's belongings instead of filling every drawer.
- Offer a small choice of comfort items rather than assigning one.
- Avoid displaying the child's name publicly before discussing preferences and privacy.

Storage and privacy

- Provide a dresser, closet space, hangers, and a personal storage area.
- Explain which spaces are private and which are shared.
- Provide a simple way to keep personal items organized.
- Ask before entering when age, safety, and household rules allow.

After arrival

- Ask what would make the room feel more comfortable.
- Wait for preferences before buying decor or specialty personal-care items.
- Document needed items for reimbursement according to agency rules.
- Revisit the setup after the first few days.

Important: General planning tool only. Follow current agency, court, licensing, medical, and safety instructions. Avoid recording unnecessary confidential information.