

Babysitter/Nanny Checklist

There are a lot of things to look for in a babysitter/nanny. This checklist can help you figure out what questions are important to you. Be sure to ask these questions.

Background

- How long have you been a babysitter/nanny?
- How old were the children that you have provided care for?
- What age do you like to provide care for?
- What are some of the things you like about being a babysitter/nanny?
- Can you provide references from your recent job and some other jobs?

Safety

- Do you have first aid and CPR training?
- What do you know about child safety?
- Are you comfortable giving a child medication?
- How many children are you comfortable caring for at one time?

Children

- Do you have training in child care?
- What are some of the activities that you would do with a child?
- Are you comfortable taking a child outside of the house for activities?

- How do you handle difficult situations with a child?
- Do you prefer more or less structure in your day? What is best for children?
- What is your view about discipline?
- What is your role as a babysitter/nanny?

Position

- Are you willing to get a criminal record check, including a vulnerable population check, as part of the interview process?
- Are your work hours flexible?
- Are you available to work full time, part time, etc.?
- How long would you be able to stay with our family?
- When would you be able to start?
- Are you willing to do light housework and cooking?
- What are your expectations about having friends/others over to visit while providing childcare in my home?
- What are your ideas around using social media while providing childcare? For example, spending time on your phone while the child is awake, or posting photos of you having fun times with my child?