

## 27 Questions You Should Ask Every Potential New Sitter:

- 1) How many families have you worked for in the past?
- 2) How old were the other children you cared for?
- 3) Do you have children of your own?
- 4) What is your philosophy on discipline and education?
- 5) What are your beliefs about child rearing?
- 6) Why do you do this type of work?
- 7) Why do you like being a sitter (or nanny)?
- 8) How might you and my child spend a typical day?
- 9) What types of activities would you engage my child in?
- 10) What are some activities that you think are important to include on a daily basis?
- 11) Can you give me some examples of difficult situations you have encountered in the past with other children, and how you've handled them?
- 12) Can you swim, and if so, are you willing to go in the pool with the child?
- 13) What qualifications do you have?
- 14) Do you have any formal education in childhood development, or special training in childcare?
- 15) Do you have CPR and first-aid training?
- 16) What are three things you enjoy doing the most with children?
- 17) How do you approach difficulties over meals, bedtimes, or sharing with other children?
- 18) How would you or how do you comfort children?
- 19) What are some methods you've followed in other households that you think work well?
- 20) Would you communicate with me about the things my child said and did that I missed during the day?
- 21) Are you willing to do light chores while children are napping? If so, which ones?
- 22) Do you drive?
- 23) Do you have your own car?
- 24) Are you willing to work evenings or weekends, if need be?
- 25) Would you be available to travel with our family on weekend trips or vacations, if need be?
- 26) What is your salary range?
- 27) Could you recommend families I can call for references?