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Seven Things to Know Before You Hire That Babysitter

How Much Should You Pay the Babysitter?

[...] To get the current rate of pay for babysitters in your area, you can try using the babysitting rate calculator at www.sittercity.com (located in the Babysitter Resource Library). All you need to do is enter your ZIP code, number of children, age of the sitter and the number of years experience she has, and the rate calculator will give you a pretty good idea of the appropriate rate of pay.

Where Can You Find a Babysitter?

[...] There are also online referral services which match parents or guardians to sitters in their area. If you interview someone who you didn't find through a personal referral, be sure to ask for references – and check those references carefully!

Here are some listings of online services:

www.Sittercity.com - USA

www.Vipbabysitting.com - CA

www.Nannies4Hire.com - USA, Canada

www.SeekingSitters.com - TX, OK, CO

www.Babysittingwhistler.com - Canada

www.MoreThanANanny.com - NY, NJ

This complete (and free) eBook can be found by visiting www.babysittingworld.com.