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Special Report: Find a Babysitter

Friday night is always a popular “date” night... but are you having a tough time finding a baby sitter? A former sitter and Boston College alum has come up with a high tech solution. 7’s Amy Johnson shows us a new way to find a sitter.

Kateri Steele, Mom

“I was so scared to leave my son with anybody and my husband was always saying, you know, we need to go out. We need to have a life.”

One look at Jake’s cute little face and you can see why Kateri Steele has a hard time leaving her Needham home.

Kateri Steele, Mom

“A couple times I did leave him with my best friends but you kind of feel awkward calling your best friends all the time who are single.”

With family far away, Kateri found a solution online – Sittercity.com – a website connecting moms with baby sitters in several major cities.

By typing in your zip code... names and profiles pop up.

Parents and potential sitters can weed through the list until they find a perfect match.

Genevieve Thiers, Sittercity.com

“Sittercity is like a dating service but for parents and babysitters.”

Genevieve Thiers started Sittercity three years ago when she was a student at Boston College.

The oldest of seven, she babysat most of her life.

Genevieve Thiers, Sittercity.com

“I thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be great if someone could go into a city and find all the babysitters in that city in one place?’”

To join the site... it costs \$40 to start and then \$5 a month.

Although it gives moms a list of sitters... it's up to them to do background checks.

Kateri Steele, Mom

“I really thought that if I met someone and saw them interact with my son and how they interacted with me and then checked their references I felt I could make a good decision.”

It's not easy to say good-bye to cute little Jake... but after building a relationship with a new babysitter, Kateri feels much better about it.