

Checklist of Questions for a Potential Sitter

Potential sitter's name: _____ Date: _____

Did she/he show up on time?

How is her/his overall attitude?

- What are you most interested in that you have done? (Background)
- What are your skills? (*Example: computer, sports, music, etc.*)
- Do you have First-Aid or CPR training?
- What interests do you have for your future (future goals)
- What is important to you? (morals and values)
- How long have you been babysitting?
- What activities do you like to share with children?
- What was your favorite babysitting job and why?
- What was your worst babysitting job and why?
- I would like to give you some scenarios and see how you would handle the situations:
 - a) (Discipline) How would you handle my child(ren) jumping on the couch?
 - b) (First-aid) My child just fell down and hit his/her head on the corner of the table and is bleeding badly. What would you do?
 - c) (Fire) You smell smoke...what would you do and in what order would you do it?
- Do you have friends or people to babysit in case you can't make the job? How many?
- Do you have three references?

Now is the time to let them know what you expect of them. Prepare a list (healthy foods, exercise, house rules, etc.) Will there be any issues enforcing these things?

If you want them to do any extra work (other than cleaning up after their activities and snacks), this is a good time to discuss it. Remember to pay extra for the extra work. You don't want to lose a good sitter.

Discuss a trial run with them.

Collect three references

Handshake (circle one) soft firm strong