

Hiring a Babysitter: Getting Acquainted

This list of questions is intended as a conversation starter to help you get to know potential babysitters. Having a clear idea of the role you expect your babysitter to play will help you determine which questions are most fitting.

Name of Candidate: _____ Referred By: _____

Phone Number: _____

- ◆ Have you had experience taking care of children before? If so, how old were the children? How long did you babysit for them?

- ◆ Are you currently babysitting for any families? _____

- ◆ Why have you chosen to be a babysitter? _____

- ◆ Can you tell me about one of your best babysitting experiences? _____

- ◆ Can you tell me about one of your worst babysitting experiences? _____

- ◆ Have you ever faced an emergency situation when babysitting? If so, what did you do? Do you have any training in babysitting, first aid, CPR, etc. that could help in an emergency situation?

- ◆ What kinds of activities do you like to do with children this age? _____

- ◆ Have you ever had to handle a child who broke a rule or misbehaved? What did you do?

- ◆ Do you have any experience with feeding? Bathing? Bedtime? _____

- ◆ What do you like to do in your spare time? _____

- ◆ How much do you charge? _____

- ◆ When are you available? _____

Hiring a Babysitter: Reference Check

A good conversation can make a great impression, but you should never hire a babysitter without checking his or her references. It is important to speak to former employers or others who have seen your potential babysitter work with children. Below is a list of questions to help you get started.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Reference: _____ Phone Number: _____

* How long have you known [name]? Is he/she currently working for you? _____

* How did you come to hire [name]? _____

* How many children was he/she responsible for? What age(s)? _____

* What were [name]'s main responsibilities? Did he/she fulfill those responsibilities?

* How did your children feel about [name]? _____

* What sort of activities did he/she do with the children?

* Did [name] face situations where the children broke rules or misbehaved? How were these situations handled?

* Did he/she have to handle any emergencies? Please explain.

* Would you hire [name] again? Why or why not?
