

WORKSHEET

Questions to ask potential caregivers

Make extra copies and use this sheet when you go to visit potential caregivers. If you think of more questions, write them down and ask them too.

Name of caregiver _____ Date _____

1. What experience do you have caring for children the same age(s) as my child(ren)?

2. How do you think children should be disciplined? How would you handle a child who is "naughty" or disobeys?

3. Do you have first aid training? How would you handle an emergency?

4. What measures do you take to prevent the spread of disease or infection?

5. Would you be willing to care for a sick child?

6. Do you have your own children? How old are they?

7. How many other children are you looking after? How old are they?

8. Who is willing to be your back-up caregiver? What experience do they have?

9. What toys and other things do you have for the children? What equipment like high chairs and playpens do you have? Who pays for them if you don't have enough? How often are they cleaned?

10. Do you provide food or do I need to send it every day? Are any foods not allowed to be brought in?

11. Tell me about a typical day with the kids you look after. What is your routine?

12. Could I have the names and phone numbers of two references who aren't relatives?

13. How much do you charge (hourly rate, daily rate, monthly rate)? Are there extra costs (outings, late charges)?

14. Do you give receipts for tax purposes?

15. What are the pick-up and drop-off times? How do you monitor who is allowed to pick up and drop off?

16. Could I drop in without an appointment?
