

## PARENTS RELY ON BABYSITTING SERVICE IN DIFFICULT FINANCIAL TIMES

Darien, CT, March 5, 2009 – Across Fairfield County, families of all income levels are cutting back on their spending and tightening up their household budgets. Childcare is one of the expenses under the magnifying glass and families which have scaled back hours of these vital workers are now facing a new problem. Babysitters and nannies with financial needs of their own must replace this lost work and often are forced to find other jobs with more hours. This leaves many families in desperate need of dependable and trustworthy help even as they face their own financial constraints and with limited resources to turn to for assistance. Fortunately, among a family's options are services like *The Sitting Service*.

The Sitting Service, which has been serving families across Fairfield County for over 65 years, is under new ownership and is committed to providing nothing less than the best childcare. Families are charged an annual fee of \$265 plus tax for a child care membership. This fee entitles members to unlimited calls for babysitters, house sitters and pet sitters; babysitters are paid \$14 per hour by cash or check directly by the family. There are no hidden fees, no extra charges for a full day vs. a half day, and no booking fees per request. Sitters are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Sitting Service screens every sitter before engaging their services for clients, including personal interviews, criminal record checks, and verification of three personal references. The majority of the sitters come from referrals from member families, or sitters working for the service. The philosophy of the service's new owner, Kristin Calve, who has three small children of her own, is that nothing matters more to her than ensuring that clients have access to the highest quality sitters possible.

"I meet with each sitter personally to interview them and to assess their skills and demeanor," says Kristin. "You can never be too careful, and The Sitting Service has a strong record of quality to uphold. We would never recommend hiring sitters that have not been screened professionally. In fact, I would never recommend a sitter that I would not use for my own children."

Sitters from The Sitting Service are all at least 21 years of age, experienced, reliable, and able to safely handle your family's needs. All sitters have their own transportation and a valid CT driver's license. They are able to drive children in the family car to and from classes or games, if necessary, and the service accepts requests for particular sitters that have been previously used.

Sitters are also available to help out at birthday parties, weddings and other special events, and our memberships are also available to hotels, churches, and other groups.

For additional information about our babysitting, pet sitting and house sitting services, visit [www.TheSittingService.com](http://www.TheSittingService.com), email [ContactUs@TheSittingService.com](mailto:ContactUs@TheSittingService.com) or call (203) 655-9783.

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