

Pointers For Parents

Wanted: A Nanny You Can Trust

(NAPSA)—If you and your spouse work and you're looking for a qualified caregiver to take care of your children, you have lots of company. U.S. Census data show that more than half of all married couples are "dual-earner couples," and there is a growing demand for qualified caregivers.



Statistics show that up to 14 percent of all child abuse is committed by caregivers.

Fortunately, there are safety precautions that parents can take when they bring a new nanny or babysitter into their home:

1. Ask for references and check them.

2. Trust your gut: If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.

3. Consider a background check.

"A background check might seem like an extreme precaution to take, but anyone with \$50 and an Internet connection can conduct a comprehensive pre-employment background check using Intelius' employment screening service," said Ed Petersen, executive vice president at Intelius. "Background checks provide information on criminal history and previous residences and can give parents that extra peace of mind by identifying inconsistencies that raise red flags."

To learn more, visit www.hr.intelius.com.