

Meet Your Sitter



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Born and raised outside Seattle, Washington, I have been living in New York City for 4 years and have been working with children for over 15 years. From babysitting, to camp counseling, to Girl Scouts, to volunteering, to life guarding/swim instructing, to being a live-in nanny, I have worked with kids in many different ways throughout my life. I originally moved to New York to attend Columbia University, where I earned my Master of Arts in Human Rights, with a focus on child rights, in 2008. I have since remained at Columbia where I now work fulltime, but I have also continued to babysit on evenings and weekends. I enjoy babysitting because I love spending time with children and love meeting and getting to know different families.

I think of babysitting as a great opportunity to have fun with a child while engaging them in a variety of ways to bring out their best characteristics and skills. I am naturally comfortable with children, and they with me, so meeting a new child is almost always easy and fun. I like to engage children in conversations, find out their opinions, learn and collaborate with them on what they would like to do, even with very young children. I have always found that when a child feels encouraged and respected, and they can take ownership over projects and schedules, an entire afternoon or evening can go smoothly and without conflict. I also like to just play, sing, pretend and create! This is why I was attracted to Creative Sitters, where fun, safety and creativity all come together to build a safe space for both the child and care giver to thrive.