

Hiring a Nanny?

Just type "nanny background investigation" into Google and you get a LOT to choose from. How can you decide which company to trust in order to check out the person you want to hire? Do you use an Internet company or hire a professional private investigator? It can be daunting. How should you proceed?

Some of the things you need to consider include how deep you want to go in your search for the truth about this candidate and how much money you have to invest to achieve your goals.

If you have already spoken to the nanny candidate and have done some checking on your own, you may want to find out the following personal information:

- * Address History - where the candidate has lived the past 20 years.
- * Criminal Record - each jurisdiction where the person has lived.
- * Driving Abstract - for DWI/DUI and Traffic Offenses/Accidents.
- * Litigation History - both as Plaintiff and Defendant.

But where do you find this information? Who has these answers? Many web-based companies and private investigators offer these services, but are generally expensive. Always keep in mind; however, you usually get what you pay for. So if you try to be cheap via an Internet company that provides instant, and possibly, unreliable, unconfirmed information, you are likely to waste your money, time, and the point of the entire project. But how do you know what is right, what isn't? How would you go about finding a professional investigator?

The easiest thing to do is to call us. We have been in business since 1982 and will offer a number of options, price ranges, and references, which are lawyers that use our services regularly. They can attest to our ability to help you.

If you are in another region of the United States and want someone more local, please remember that we can do this type of work anywhere in the country. However, if you want someone you can meet with, then it would be helpful to ask your friends if they have ever hired a nanny and who they used for the background work. Any other research they are willing to share could also be beneficial. Try your school system for a recommendation, or the daycare center of a friend that has a child there, even the local library. When getting the referral, find out:

- * Who did they use?
- * Were they satisfied?
- * What was done?
- * How much did it cost?
- * Did the company provide references and were they checked?
- * Then contact this individual yourself and discuss your situation.

To find a reliable local PI, try calling the Legal Bar Association for the names of firms

that specialize in Family Law. Find out from their office if they have a relationship with a professional investigator. Get as much company information as they will provide and go to his/her website for basic information. Do they conduct background investigations, which is a form of a nanny check? You can Google Nanny Backgrounds and come up with a host of questions to ask not only your investigator, but also the nanny. Then call the PI and talk to someone at the office to answer your questions.

Once that is taken care of, now you have an advantage of making a more educated, intelligent decision, much more so than immediately going to a fee-based Internet site where you do not know what will come back (or how valid and up to date it is). While this will take a little time, the most important matter is your child's welfare. That makes your time a whole lot more productive.

Now you have an advantage of making a more informed, educated decision. Good luck.