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What I wish Parents Knew

Give your babysitter a yearly bonus. Find a good sitter? "Pay her a bonus once a year or give her a \$1 an hour raise after a while," says Genevieve Thiers, founder and CEO of sittercity.com, a listing of qualified babysitters nationwide. It makes the sitter feel appreciated and gives her an incentive to stay.