

SUMMER CAREGIVERS

For many families, finding a caregiver to be with your children this summer may be the best way to provide some flexibility for either your continuing remote work or your time back on campus.

Here are some options for finding summer care.

- Families may want to collaborate with another family whom they trust and with whom they can agree on safety guidelines. They can then create an extended “bubble” and share caregiving. Parents can take turns rotating their on-site workplace time, at-home workplace time and at-home caregiving time for both families. This requires some schedule flexibility.
- Families can hire a caregiver on their own or in collaboration with another family in their bubble.
 - [BarnardWorks](#) is one way to find a caregiver – there may be Barnard students across the region who can help in-person or you can design some virtual babysitting. When you access the site, be sure to indicate you are looking for a babysitter.
 - Please note that these students are independent contractors. BeyondBarnard does not perform background checks on student job applicants. As such, employers are encouraged to request job candidate reference information as needed to establish qualifications, credentials and overall fit between the employer and job applicant.
 - When setting up the request, make sure that you specify the date and time period for the job as well as the wage range.
 - Questions? Email studentemployment@barnard.edu.
 - **SitterCity** is another way to find a caregiver. Eligible Columbia employees can use the comprehensive database site for free to search for a caregiver or post a job, including a new Virtual Sitter option to engage older children. (You must log in with your Columbia Bright Horizons credentials to access the site for free:
(<https://www.sittercity.com/columbiauniversity>)
 - There is also a Nanny Placement Service through SitterCity to get personalized help from a local agency with recruiting, vetting, and selecting a nanny; also receive a discount on the placement fee and the hourly rate.

Explore the options at: <https://worklife.columbia.edu/bright-horizons>