

AVON NEWCOMERS BABYSITTING POLICY

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The Avon Newcomer's Group is pleased to offer babysitting assistance as a service to members attending our meetings. Babysitting is available at our general meetings for a nominal charge: \$10 for one child and \$12 for two or more children. We have a group of experienced adult sitters available in two separate rooms for the children according to age. Our babysitting program is designed to create a happy and safe environment for your child(ren). If you plan to utilize our babysitting services, please review the following guidelines:

1. We understand that Moms with young infant(s) may want to keep them with them during our meeting. However; we suggest that infants and children over the age of 6 months be signed into babysitting. Please arrive a few minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start and sign your child(ren) in at the table by the front door. You will be asked to pay a nominal fee of \$10 for one child or \$12 for two or more children. Please make a nametag for your child and put it on his/her front or back.
2. Some children find it difficult to be away from Mom. In order to make a smooth transition, we ask that you stay with your child for a brief time to help him/her adjust to the room, toys and caregivers. The babysitters will do their very best to ease this transition.
3. If a child is experiencing adjustment difficulties, your child may be brought to you for comfort during a meeting. You may remain with the child in the hallways and rooms adjacent to the meeting room to calm your child and try the babysitting environment again.. Please do not feel embarrassed or anxious about babysitting difficulties. (We've all been there!)
4. We provide care for only your child. Please do not bring the child of a friend /relative.
5. We will provide a snack (as tolerated by age) of usually goldfish, pretzels or animal crackers and water. For children under 3, we depend on you to bring a filled, labeled sippy cup. If your child has any food allergies, please let us know and provide your own snack (nut-free please)..
6. Parents must remain on the church premises at all times while children are in our care. The only exceptions are the luncheon events.
7. Please dress older children comfortably for play (sometimes outside on the enclosed playground) and crafts, keeping in mind that the craft could involve glue, etc.
8. The caregivers are not permitted to change diapers, so if a diaper change is required we will notify you in the meeting..
9. Clearly label all bottles, bags, cups, etc. with your child's name.
10. When the meeting is concluded, please be prompt picking up your child.

If you have any questions, please e-mail co-chairs: Betsy Hole (elizbade@yahoo.com), Danielle Srb (dsrb@comcast.net) or MaryAnn Keenan (makeenan823@comcast.net)