

Babysitting Co-op

Do you ever need to get errands done? Have a doctor or hair appointment? Do you crave a date with your husband? Or simply want to go to the bathroom by yourself? If so, then the new Babysitting Co-op sub-club is for you.

There are so many reasons that joining a co-op makes sense. The women sitting are fellow moms. Your children can enjoy the company of a new playmate during a sit. With a little time out, you have a bit more strength to bring additional “special touches” to each child. We all need help sometimes, and no matter how good a network you have, your friends and family need a break too. The co-op offers a little more coverage, a few more friends to rely on, the joy of offering these solutions to another mom – and of course free babysitting.

The framework for our co-op comes from a book titled Smart Mom’s Baby-sitting Co-op Handbook by Gary Meyers. The club works on a point system where you get credited for sitting and debited for using a sitter. You can use the club as much or a little as you want. You truly get as much as you give! We alternate day/weekend playground socials with an evening “Mom’s Only” club meeting on a monthly basis to get to know each other better and to do club business. The sit requests are evenly divided between daytime and evening/weekend sits so there is an opportunity for moms with varying schedules to participate, and you will never have to accept a sit or a sitter that doesn’t meet your needs.

Mothering little ones is more than a full time job as we all know but there is no reason to go it alone. This is just one more way the Mothers’ Club can benefit you and your family.