

Candi Wingate's Story

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It's bright and early on a weekday morning; so early that the sun isn't even up yet. It's time to wake up five kids and start getting them ready for school. One by one, each kid is dressed for the day, then down to the kitchen to prepare breakfast for five kids and pack five lunches. Then it's back to the bathroom to make sure five little mouths are flossed and brushed and smelling good; and oh, don't forget five heads of hair properly combed. Then at last, shuffling five well groomed, well dressed kids out the door on time for school, and oh yea, "Don't forget your lunch!"

Whew! I'm exhausted just thinking about it, but that was Candi Wingate's life as a former nanny for five children. As one can imagine with a schedule like this day after day, she quickly learned the needs and demands of a modern day family of five kids and parents. For many women having to face that routine on a daily basis, they would not only run as far away as possible but it might even cause them to think twice about having any kids of their own. But not for Candi; for her it was the beginning of a career which later developed into running her own business. After years of working for a nanny agency, she purchased a successful business; Nation-Wide Nanny Placement Agency. Soon after, she found the need to expand the business and that's when Nannies4hire.com, Babysitter4hire.com and Care4hire.com were born.

All of these sites are a great resource for finding qualified personnel to help with kids whether it's one, five or ten; to find a housekeeper, a babysitter, a tutor, elder/companion care, pet sitters, and other miscellaneous services. What's great about it is you can search for these services for full-time, part-time, summer, live-in or live-outside the home nannies. Candi says, "*The biggest challenge is every family has a different need and you need to look at each individual as a unique situation.*" But regardless of the need, Candi and her experienced staff can help.

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She says she has a ‘strong desire to achieve her goals and stick with it’ which is evidenced by running three businesses and raising two children with her husband. As busy career women it can be challenging at times to juggle all the responsibilities of being a mom, an employee or business owner and a spouse but Candi manages to do it and she does it well. She has a lot to be proud of in her career accomplishments. She says she is most proud of how *“the businesses keep growing and expanding to new levels.”* She’s also written a book titled, “100 Tips for Nannies and Families” and has been a guest on a number of shows and interviews. She’s also been fortunate to build a relationship with Dr. Phil, was the recipient of the Mom’s Choice Award and a finalist for the Stevie Award.

Candi feels she has a very rewarding career as everyday she is a mentor to someone, somewhere, by helping families and nannies hook up and having their needs met. She sees herself over the next five to ten years continuing to help families and caregivers with their various needs.

Her advice to women climbing their career ladder is *“Do your research and homework before starting a business. Just because you open your doors does not mean people will come.”*

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