# What Sets Us Apart



We know that you and your family have many options for child care. So why choose us? Au Pair in America was the first program authorized by the Department of State to serve as sponsor for the au pair program. The Department of State's regulations establish screening, vetting and monitoring requirements; parameters for child care and the educational/cultural exchange components of the program. As Sponsor, Au Pair in America serves to monitor compliance and to enrich the cultural and educational aspects.

#### With Au Pair in America you get:

## **Outstanding Service**

With more experience than any other au pair agency, we provide assistance with selecting your au pair, coordinating visa and travel, providing orientation for your family and au pair, year-round, local support, medical insurance for your au pair and 24/7 emergency assistance.

Every family is assigned a local, professional community counselor who is an employee\* of APIA, not a volunteer or contractor, to check in monthly and provide ongoing support to you and your au

\*As employees, Au Pair in America community counselors are fully trained, pass a background check and receive professional development opportunities to ensure quality service and program compliance at the highest standard possible.

### Flexible and Dependable Care

With an au pair, you will be able to create your own child care schedule of up to 10 hours per day and up to 45 hours per week. By having your child care provider living in your home, dealing with sick days, snow days and life's little surprises has never been easier.

## **Program Options to Fit Your Family**

Whether your children are infants or school aged, Au Pair in America has the solution for your family. Choose from three unique program options: a standard au pair, an extraordinare au pair, or an EduCare au pair.

#### **Expert Matching**

We'll help you find the perfect au pair based on your family's unique and specific preferences. View profiles online or have our placement experts select profiles for your consideration. With applicants ages 18-26, from 5 continents/55 countries, you have access year round to a large selection of candidates.

#### **An Enriching Cultural Experience**

Your family will receive more than just great child care. Your children will have an opportunity to receive a unique, global education during their most formative years, learning about the world and your au pair's culture and customs.

#### Safety

Since 1986, our exclusive Red Cross orientation training has been designed specifically for what au pairs need to know most about health and safety while caring for children. While some other au pair agencies may provide CPR training, no other agency provides a safety training program like Au Pair in America! Safety is a primary focus for all of our au pairs.

We have partnered with AAA to offer this successful, custom classroom courses specifically designed for au pairs. Exclusive to Au Pair in America, the course is one of a kind, tailored to the needs of the international driver and specific to the safety needs of driving with children in a car.

### **Education and Orientation for You and Your Au Pair**

Au pairs will complete an online course and attend a comprehensive in-person orientation upon arrival to the U.S. Once in your community, your au pair will have access to over 25 free online webinars\*\* developed for au pairs and led by our expert orientation trainers.

As a new Host Family, you will take part in an orientation prior to your au pair's arrival. In addition, you are encouraged to attend our Cross-Cultural Communication Webinars\*\* offered throughout the year.

## **Transition Support Services**

While a very high percentage of first placements work out. there are time when the match doesn't work. If after the initial 30 day adjustment period is over, it has been determined that a placement needs to end, Au Pair in America works together with both parties to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. This includes online matching, interviewing help, and domestic or international flights\*\* for your replacement au pair.

\*\*Compared to other designated au pair agencies, Au Pair in America offers the most value-added for au pairs and families. Some agencies charge for online courses, mandatory transportation fees and flights for replacement au pairs.

A stipend must to be paid to the au pair each week of the exchange period and full room and board must be provided throughout the exchange. For program details please visit www.aupairinamerica.com



















