

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B3

Additional needs present: ADHD (awaiting diagnosis) & Dyspraxia	Location: Kensington, W11	Wage / Salary: Approx. £40,000 - £43,000 per annum gross, depending on experience	Driver: Not Essential
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Monday - Friday 12pm - 7pm OR 3 full days 8am - 7pm (Flexibility available for the right candidate)	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 3+ years SEN Childcare experience
- Confident supporting behaviours that challenge and strong understanding of attachments in early years
- Knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stages and supporting young children with SEN
- A flexible, caring individual with a passion for making a difference to a family's day-to-day life!
- Confident supporting toddlers with ADHD and Sensory Sensitivities
- An independent, confident individual with strong communication skills
- Able to commit to a minimum of 1 year in the role
- Energetic, proactive physically fit individual
- French speaking preferred

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a loving, easy going family of 3 find a Sennie to support their son, B3. The family are currently in the process of renovating their family home, so are looking for someone who can help to implement routine and strategies to help B3 with emotional regulation and transitions, such as getting ready to leave the house and with the house move.

Dad is Australian and American, and mum is Lebanese, and B3 is exposed to 3 languages in the home, English, French and Arabic. He will be attending a French school in future so the family would ideally like a candidate who is French-speaking to support his language development. Dad works full time, and mum hopes to go back to work in the coming months, once the Sennie is settled into this role and confident supporting B3 sole charge. With the renovation and upcoming house move, the family are experiencing a lot of change in their personal lives at the moment, so are looking for a Sennie who will offer them long term stability and support!

After trialling lots of different parenting styles to support B3. They have found that the change in approach can cause additional anxiety for the family, so hope that a Sennie will help them to streamline their approach. The Sennie will also help the family to navigate different therapies and support available to B3 as they understand more about his diagnosis.

About the child/children: B3 is an extremely kind, funny, chatty and active young boy who loves imaginative play, music, and swimming, and has recently started to enjoy Lego and puzzles. He is intelligent and curious, and eager to learn new things; he loves activities which require hands-on involvement. B3 can ride a balance bike well, and is a very active young boy - he's always on the go!

B3 speaks English very well and has a good understanding of French. His next step is to improve his ability to form sentences and have conversations in French.

At times, B3 lacks confidence and can feel frustrated when faced with challenging activities, so the Sennie will help B3 to navigate these challenges with support and positivity! B3 is very kind and generous, but can feel shy when in a group of children - he is much more confident with adults and during playdates at home. B3 is very emotionally intelligent and he talks about people's emotions a lot. He experiences his own emotions very intensely and feels sad when he feels rejected, so the Sennie will help B3 to interact with his peers and give him the confidence to explore the world around him. B3 doesn't like being told to help or do something, so the Sennie will form a bond with him so he feels doing tasks together is more enjoyable. Having a Sennie will also allow mum some time to herself, with the knowledge that B3 is enjoying his time with the Sennie!

B3 does not have a confirmed diagnosis at present, but the family feel he likely will have a diagnosis of ADHD and Dyspraxia. B3's diagnosis means he experiences hyperactivity and is often compulsive, and has breath holding spells. B3's hyperactivity means he needs constant attention and interactions, and by working closely with mum, the Sennie will help the family to support B3's needs.

B3 experiences emotional dysregulation during transitions or when demands are placed on him, and will sometimes be avoidant of these demands. When emotionally dysregulated, B3 will often throw himself on the floor or bang his head. He may also run away from tasks or activities he does not enjoy, and for this reason it's important the Sennie is alert and safety conscious. B3 can go from feeling calm to emotionally dysregulated in a short space of time, but his meltdowns do not last long and his attention is easy to redirect.

B3's key areas for development and support are: emotional regulation, independence, fine and gross motor skills, and focus / attention. To support his emotional regulation, the Sennie will start to label basic emotions and organise age-appropriate sensory activities to help him to regulate. To boost his independence, the Sennie will encourage B3 to try and dress himself / put his shoes on, walk independently and engage with his school friends. The Sennie will work with B3's Occupational Therapist to develop his fine and gross motor skills, and introduce therapeutic strategies and exercises into activities at home.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B3:*

- *Resists changes to familiar routines; Touches the walls of rooms; Gets lost easily; Has difficulty catching balls; Can memorise large amounts of information on certain topics; Prefers to sit at back of group or front of group; Can hear sounds which others do not hear; Bangs objects and doors; Likes a hug if chosen to do this; Very good auditory memory for songs and rhymes; Seeks pressure by crawling under heavy objects; Hugs very tightly; Dislikes certain everyday smells; Finds fine motor movements hard; Does not seem to know where body is in space; Has poor balance; Quite clumsy and bumps into objects and people*

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Creating visual aids (timetables, meal plans etc.) and discussing new strategies and ideas with the family
- Morning and evening routine, including Bathtime and/or Bedtime routine
- Planning and taking the children to/from activities, clubs and appointments, and organise playdates
- Behavioural support and management
- Bring forward any key areas for development
- Organising the children's things (eg, bedroom and play areas)
- Meal planning and preparation
- Purchasing necessary food or sundries
- Light PA duties relating to the family
- Light household tasks (Cleaning up after children's mealtimes; Putting away children's clothes and other items; Tidying up areas after use such as the kitchen or bathroom)

Who this role would suit:

- A professional but fun and energetic Sennie, who is confident supporting behaviours that challenge
- Someone with experience supporting young children and toddlers with a range of diagnoses
- A Sennie who is confident gently guiding mum and dad to understand a range of SEN support strategies
- Someone who is committed to supporting one family for a number of years, and willing to grow with the family as B3's needs change

Lead Recruiter: Katie - Katie@sennies.co.uk

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