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The Provider Criteria Builder

A worksheet for getting clear before you search

Most provider searches go sideways because the search starts before the thinking does. You start scrolling, comparing, asking around, and an hour later you have ten options and no way to choose between them. This worksheet pulls the thinking forward to where it belongs, so the search itself takes less time and lands better.

Print it, copy it into a Google Doc, or paste it into Notion. Use it for childcare, doctors, dentists, plumbers, electricians, tutors, lawn services, anyone you're hiring into your family's life.

Section 1: The basics

Type of provider I'm looking for:

Why I'm looking now (the real reason):

Time sensitivity (circle one): This week / This month / Next few months / No rush

Section 2: My current season

The right provider depends on the life you actually have, not the one you're trying to engineer.

Current ages and needs of family members:

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Current workload and stress level (1–10): _____

What we already have working in this category:

What's been falling through the cracks:

Section 3: Non-negotiables

The handful of things that, if missing, are dealbreakers. Keep this list short. Three to five items, max.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Section 4: Nice-to-haves

The things that would be great but aren't deal-breakers. Helpful for tie-breaking later.

Section 5: Budget

My realistic budget range: \$ _____ to \$ _____

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What I'm willing to pay extra for, if it's there:

Where I'd rather save:

Section 6: Values that matter most in this relationship

Not abstract values. The ones that will actually shape how this person fits into our life.

Section 7: The two pictures

What failure would look like (be specific):

What success would look like (be specific):

One last thing

If you can't fill in section seven, you're not ready to start searching yet. Sit with it for a day. The clarity you save on the front end is the time you save on the back end.