Special Sitters is a collaborative effort between Camp Fire USA and United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County.

**What Parents are saying...**

“My Special Sitter is the first babysitter who has come in that wasn’t intimidated by my child’s disability.”

“Our sitter gets down on the floor and plays with my kids.”

**What Teens are saying...**

“I like to be with the children and make their day special and fun.”

“When I’m babysitting I like feeling prepared and to know what I’m doing.”

Camp Fire USA

For nearly 100 years, Camp Fire USA has been inspiring the personal development of young people through neighborhood-based programs that respond to the needs of individuals and communities. The Orange County Council, established in 1956, offers nationally and locally developed programs based on our rich Camp Fire traditions and values. Camp Fire builds upon children’s strengths, allowing them to discover their talents and use those talents to help others.

United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County

Established in the early 1950s to serve the needs of children with cerebral palsy, UCP of Orange County now serves children with all types of developmental disabilities and provides vital support to families. Our commitment to the Orange County community is to help children with developmental disabilities reach their full potential, improve the quality of life for their families, and foster an attitude of acceptance and inclusion.

If you would like to hire a Special Sitter, contact

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If you would like to become a Special Sitter, contact

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Parents

Do you need an occasional break from the high demands of parenting a child with special needs?

Teens

Are you someone who has a strong desire to work with parents and children?

What a special sitter learns...

CPR Training and Basic First Aid
Sitters will receive CPR certification and training in basic first aid and safety procedures.

Communicating with Parents
Sitters learn how to present themselves to parents in an interview and how to best gather information concerning the care of the child.

Responsive Play
Sitters discover ways to play and communicate with children of varying abilities in a fun and appropriate manner.

Behavior Basics
Sitters learn to follow parent-directed behavior techniques, focusing upon positive behavior reinforcement.

Special Needs
Sitters understand the different types of developmental disabilities and common adaptive equipment.

Saturday Club

An alternative to in-home care, Saturday Club provides a play day for children registered in Special Sitters and their siblings. Held several times a year at a local preschool, Saturday Club is appropriate for younger children. Each Special Sitter is assigned to oversee specific children during the day; supervision by experienced adults is provided. Saturday Club provides a great learning experience for both children and teens.

If you would like to hire a Special Sitter, please call Family Support Services at UCP of Orange County

(949) 333-6428

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Parents of kids with special needs have a difficult time finding experienced sitters who are competent, enthusiastic and fun.

Parents and kids need a break from each other from time to time.

Children with special needs often require additional care and attention.

Parents of children with special needs prefer using sitters with specialized training.

Special Sitters was created because...

Special Sitters is a program that connects parents of children with disabilities to specially trained teen sitters who want to work with children. Camp Fire USA, in cooperation with United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, recruits and trains teens who are then matched with families who need babysitting help for children age 12 and under.

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