

## Child Care Continuum--Magnetic Sort

Photocopy the statements onto cardstock, cut out and add adhesive magnetic tape. Add **AGREE** & **DISAGREE** cards to the board as well. Pass out the statements to each student. Have students read the statement on their card and decide if they agree or disagree with it and why. Students should be able to explain their reason for placement and teacher/class can further discuss and share examples if necessary. Statements include:

- Children should not be allowed to watch television with the sitter.
- Snacks/food prepared by the sitter should only be done with parental permission.
- Safety of children should come first with the sitter.

- If a sitter must cancel a job, the employer should be notified ASAP.
- A sitter should have friends visit while watching children.
- It's okay for a sitter to text and check social media on their phone while working.

- A sitter should know where the parents can be reached by phone/text.
- If a child will not cooperate, the sitter should threaten or frighten him/her.
- A sitter should be observant and listen carefully to both parents and children.

- A written list of instructions for the sitter from the parent(s) is not needed.
- A sitter should interview the parents and meet the child(ren) before taking the job.
- A sitter should entertain children in creative ways.

- A sitter should know how to handle all medical emergencies.
- A sitter should gossip about the family after leaving the job.
- Once you sit for a family, you have to continue to sit for them.

- It's okay for a sitter to do school work while on the job.
- Discipline is the responsibility of the sitter if the child misbehaves.
- It's okay to shake a baby that won't stop crying.

- Sitters should communicate to the parents what happens while children are in their care—even if it's bad.
- It's okay to snoop through the home and belongings of the family you're working for.