

The Columbus Nanny Agency's Response to "Color, class and kids," Columbus Dispatch, February 4, 2007

New York Times journalist Jodi Kantor's article which was printed in the Columbus Dispatch introduces the troubling reality of prejudices and discrimination existing in the world of nanny placement. As a professional nanny placement agency, The Columbus Nanny Agency is concerned to hear of discrimination against families due to their race.



We are a member of the International Nanny Association and embrace their commitment to professional excellence (see graphic at left). As such, we respect and support families in their task of nurturing children. We promote the physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of *all* children, regardless of their race, ethnicity or religious beliefs.

It is our goal to bring families and nannies together in the best interest of the children. We recognize that part of our job is to educate the families and nannies with which we work, as well as the public at large. Part

of that education is helping people value each family's uniqueness and appreciate the strengths of each nanny.

Regardless of a family or nanny's color, ethnicity, or religion, the care and well-being of the child is at the core of the family-nanny relationship. It is our hope that potential nannies will see beyond skin color, national heritage or religious traditions and place children at the center of the decision to join a family. We also hope that families will see beyond skin color, national heritage and religious traditions and place their children at the center of the decision to hire a nanny.

In a perfect world, we would not see race, ethnicity or religion as negative differences. We would view individuals and families as the wonderful unique beings that they were each created to be. Nannies and the families they work with must hold a higher standard and work toward that perfect world, for they are the ones influencing the children who have the potential to change the world.

---The Columbus Nanny Agency, February 5, 2007