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Corporate nannies

You've heard of emergency plumbing, emergency locksmiths, maybe even emergency drycleaning. Now you can hire an emergency nanny. Businesses register with Abacus Ark Corporate Childcare and, when their employees need last-minute help, it's a phone call away. The agency's founders, Melissa Harrison and Anita McNally, say companies are recognising the benefits. "It's helping to keep their staff in the office when they need to focus on their clients," says Harrison. When forced to take 30 days' sick leave in one year to care for a sick child, Harrison realised there was an unmet demand. "We were looking for such a service but really couldn't find anything out there that could come in at a moment's notice." Visit abacusark.com.au