

Ideas & Tips for moms who want to work from home:

Many moms wonder, from time to time, what they could do to earn extra income for the home, or just help out a little with the finances. To that end, I have compiled numerous ideas; some of which you may be interested in implementing. Here are some things you may not have thought of already:

- ✚ Post a resume at Craigslist – it’s free!
- ✚ Start going to garage sales and buying quality items you can sell on Craigslist or Ebay (there is no charge to sell on Craigslist)
- ✚ Shop thrift stores for items to sell
- ✚ Plan a neighborhood garage sale
- ✚ Contact a *legitimate* business in order to start your own from their franchise (Tupperware, Mary Kay, Arbonne, Pampered Chef, Avon, Gold Canyon Candles, etc)
- ✚ If you have computer skills, look into jobs that you can do from home (lots of postings at Craigslist!)
- ✚ If you are an EARLY morning person, consider delivering the newspaper for 2 hours each day to earn extra cash
- ✚ Print out flyers offering to be a dog walker for the working families in your neighborhood (some people make great extra income doing this!)
- ✚ If you have time, start up your own small business by coming up with a product or service that you know people could or would use (you might need a website for this)
- ✚ If you are able to do childcare from your home or travel to another home for this, offer your services to friends, family, neighbors, or post a resume online or on local school bulletin boards (if allowed) – lots of parents are looking for quality childcare!
- ✚ Join a mom’s group in order to meet new people and get new ideas OR share your own (such as MOPS or other social networking groups)
- ✚ If you are talented at creating crafts, etc, begin your own business and show off your work at local craft fairs, school events, etc (might have to rent table space for this)
- ✚ Offer to be a “floater” babysitter for anyone you know who might like to have an on-call person in case of emergencies
- ✚ Look into doing part-time receptionist or secretarial jobs while your kids are in school
- ✚ Post a resume offering to be a personal assistant for a family who may need errands run, etc – your kids could go with you in the car if agreed upon at hire
- ✚ If you are good with kids and know how to teach little ones to swim, offer swim lessons from your back yard pool (if you have one; AND you may need to look into special insurance coverage to do this). I had my own child learn to swim this way and we paid \$10 per half hour lesson – great deal for private lessons and she had LOTS of clients!
- ✚ Network your skill, trade, or service online or via local networking groups (like the ones associated with each city’s Chamber of Commerce)

- ✚ Advertise on any website you can for free, in their yellow pages, etc
- ✚ Gather up all the items in your home that you no longer need or use (we all have them!) and sell them online or in a yard sale
- ✚ If you are musical, offer music lessons from home for less than what someone would pay a “professional”
- ✚ If you are skilled at photography, offer part-time services for various events for less than clients would pay a professional photographer
- ✚ If you are skilled in any subject or area, offer to be a tutor from home (math, English, writing, computers, science, etc)
- ✚ If you are trained in beautician services (hair/nails, etc), consider working from home part-time
- ✚ Look into businesses that need part-time help with home visits for the elderly, or help with special needs children
- ✚ Search for and purchase any quality books from yard sales or antique shops that you can sell online
- ✚ If you are a seamstress, contact some local drycleaners and offer your on-call services if they are not already contracted with a seamstress for their customers
- ✚ If your own children are in school, look into working part-time at a local school (preschool, elementary, junior high or high school) to be a classroom aid (many schools now require at least an AA for this position; check out their websites for more info)

Best wishes in all your business endeavors!

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