

MOMMY OR NANNY?

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"I need to work for the welfare of my kids." These are the words commonly heard by many mothers who are working so hard and choosing to be away from their kids. The weight of worries about missing the milestones that she will miss out on, such as her first walk, her first word, her first roll, her first giggle, and her first walk. But not all mothers are living in wonderful families with their husbands working for them; not all incomes are enough to sustain them, and not all are able to give up their careers.

When two women share parental responsibilities for raising a child, the relationship becomes more complicated. Some kids are calling Mommy their real mother and "Nanay" their nanny. But who is forming a strong bond between the mommy and the nanny? The mom who is simultaneously present and absent in their kid's life? Or the nanny who is spending the whole time with the kid, feeding, bathing, sleeping, and playing?

When we look back at earlier times, there's a very big gap in the roles. The nanny will only do certain tasks that have been assigned to her. The mother will be responsible for introducing her child to society, choosing her clothes, and being with her at night. Nowadays, most mothers are allowing the nanny to do almost everything, from diapering to creating recreational activities for the child and letting them sleep along with them.

This is where the mother-child connection is being jeopardized. This is where jealousy develops: a mother who is hurt and blames herself, as well as concerns that the child is developing a special connection with them, who have become a larger influence on her long-term development over time. When the mother is not always available at home and

does things with them, the child is deprived of her presence and will be sufficient in the presence of her nanny.

A mother, on the other hand, is a mother in flesh and blood. Nobody can love the children more than the mother does. Nobody will worry about them every day and what their future will be. No one will ever know what a mother's love is but the mother who delivers her from her womb. Lastly, only a mother will overthink, worry, and be terrified if she is raising her child perfectly. Nannies do not have to wonder if they are helping children develop into productive adults.

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