



National Domestic Workers Alliance

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Matthew's been a nanny for 26 years and talks about vizzibilizing male nannies in this movement:

"I still talk almost every single day to my first nanny kid, who has special needs. That's how important this work is to me. The impact you can make on a child and family's life is just incredible. I don't do nanny work just to take care of children -- I take the role very seriously, and I help the family. I work mostly with special needs kids, so a lot of the time, parents come to me when their children are first diagnosed or experiencing behavioral problems.

But being a male nanny can be difficult. I went to one job interview where the mother was eager to hire me, but the father insinuated that I had unethical intentions with his kids. Some men can break through that barrier, but it can be a struggle to prove ourselves genuine until our work stands on its own merit.

I suggest every nanny get involved in the National Domestic Workers Alliance. How does the domestic worker industry function if domestic workers don't have a say? I feel a sense of responsibility and duty to other nannies and to the industry itself. We have rights, we deserve rights, and I wanted to be part of making those changes. I don't take this lightly. I take this as a very serious responsibility, and I want to make sure that I represent the entire industry, and not just myself. Everybody that's involved feels the exact same way."



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