

Career Options for Moms

Heidi Bartolotta worked as a successful pharmaceutical sales representative for 12 years but, after having her two daughters, she no longer wanted to work late and travel—she wanted to be home. So, Bartolotta quit her job and, alongside two other women in similar positions, founded Moms Making Six Figures in December 2009 to allow women to either replace or supplement their incomes working from home. Now, almost five years later, her company helps moms work from home across the United States and overseas. “It’s amazing what’s happened in that amount of time,” Bartolotta says. “I knew there were other women like me out there but I didn’t realize just how many.” » “So many women are unhappy with their lack of balance between their career and family lives. They’re now open to different professional avenues and looking for ways to get back home but still be a good earner,” says Bartolotta. And that’s exactly what Bartolotta and her business partners have learned (and now show others) to do: earn a full-time income working around their schedules. To learn more, visit momsmakingsixfigures.com.



Flexible Childcare

Busy parents always need a little help, especially when it comes to childcare. Whether you need someone to watch your child while you go to a doctor’s appointment or if your regular sitter unexpectedly cancels, KidsPark is a great option. » Suzanne Harris brought KidsPark to Arizona almost seven years ago. It is part of a franchise with more than 25 years of expertise in hourly childcare. Harris has two boys, ages 14 and 9, and realized when the kids were younger that she was focusing all of her attention on her boys and was forgetting about her adult relationships. So, she decided to open KidsPark in North Phoenix so that parents like her could have a fun, safe place to drop their kids off and have some adult time. She is passionate about making KidsPark a place where kids can play, make new friends and feel extra good about themselves. This allows parents the peace of mind to go out on a date night, run errands or just have a little quiet time. » KidsPark recently moved to a larger location at the Northeast corner of Tatum and Cactus roads in Scottsdale. They offer childcare for kids ages 1-12 years on both a drop-in schedule and a regular preschool program. The new location also offers a separate 1-year-old room and a larger outside play area. For more information, visit kidspark.com/center/scottsdale.



Bond Over Volunteering

When Nichelle Williams signed her daughters up for Girl Scouts she had no idea how deeply her family would be affected. “I signed my daughters up for Girl Scouts to help develop their leadership skills, give them opportunities to try new things, and [to] make lifelong friends. Initially, I did not choose to volunteer for Girl Scouts. I was one of those moms who just wanted to help,” says Williams, who has now been a local volunteer for more than 13 years. “Over time, it’s natural for a helping mom to become a volunteer.” » Williams is currently a troop leader, a trainer for other volunteers, and a member of her Community Practice Team. She has two daughters, Jordan and Justice,

who are both Girl Scouts. She says that one of the biggest benefits of volunteering with Girl Scouts is the opportunity to spend time with her daughters as they develop their values and morals. » The long-held mission for Girl Scouts, the premier leadership organization for girls, is building young women of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The program has shown positive outcomes for more than 100 years, and the local Girl Scouts—Arizona Cactus-Pine Council says it has a great deal to do with parental and adult volunteer involvement. The local Girl Scouts ask all available parents to consider volunteering. www.girlscoutsaz.org.



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