

Axed-nanny ads flood 'Net

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For sale on Craigslist: gently used couch, wedding dress — worn once! — and... a loving nanny?

Just this past week, more than 50 Manhattan moms posted job ads for their nannies on Craigslist. No longer able to afford help in the tough economy, guilty mothers are urgently trying to find a new home for their caregivers.

After suffering a recent

pay drop, social worker Alissa O'Hea, 38, advertised her nanny on Craigslist.

"With the recession, I think everyone will be more open to creative child-care options [like part-time]," says O'Hea, who has a toddler and lives in the East Village.

Beth Schwartz, 42, a stay-at-home mother of four, ran a Craigslist ad for her nanny, Joy Perry, on March 31, which said: "My wonderful nanny of

13 years is looking for part-time work. She is wonderful with children of all ages but she really shines with babies and toddlers."

"A nanny is more of a luxury than it was before," explains Schwartz, who is married to an investment banker and whose children range in age from 3 to 13. "I have four kids and four tuitions. Something has to give."



Beth Schwartz (top right) and kids hope to find Joy Perry (center) a new job.

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