

BABY TRAVEL

For traveling parents, Clara Uribe has created a company that caters to their every need — one baby step at a time.

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Clara Uribe knows how difficult traveling with younger children can be, which is why she babies her clients. After having her first baby, who is now 22 months old, Uribe realized that packing for a trip is not easy with the little ones.

"If you travel to a relative's place, you need a crib, a highchair, toys — it's very hard to get into an airport with these things," she says. "One time we rented some items in Detroit, and when we came back to Miami, we decided it would be a good idea to start a baby equipment company like the one we rented from."

After months of planning, The Baby Travel Company was launched in August 2007. The company, which serves the area from South Miami to Hallandale, allows vacationers with children, or the households receiving them, to reserve equipment from five categories — sleeping, eating, driving, entertainment and accessories. "A lot of people don't even know a company like this exists," says Uribe. "It's just so convenient if you're going to stay at a place where the hosts don't have children."

Not only does The Baby Travel Company have the distinction of being the leading baby equipment rental company in Miami, it also offers 'round-the-clock personalized service. "Most of the feedback we get is that we're flexible," says Uribe. "People don't live from nine to five and we're okay with that."

Another advantage that The Baby Travel Company has is the quality of their equipment. "We only buy top-quality baby products," says Uribe. All of The Baby Travel Company's products are certified by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association and are sanitized according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

As members of the Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce, Uribe and her husband are active in the community. "We just love the environment, it's very family-oriented," they say. "We advertise on the Key and we love to do business on the island." For a complete tour of all the things you and your baby can start looking forward to, visit BabyTravelCompany.com.

