## Parenting Tips: How To Cope With Stress





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Parenting can be many things: rewarding, exciting, filled with joy, etc. But above all, parenting can be extremely stressful. You are fully responsible for your children from the moment your bundles of joy enter the world up until they reach adulthood — and maybe even a bit beyond that. It begs the questions for struggling parents, how do you cope with the stresses of family life? Thanks to <u>Parents.com</u>, we're now able to lay out some of the best ways you and your partner can handle your busy lives with your amazing children.

## If you've been searching for ways to cope with your hectic family life look no further! Cupid's here to tell you how to deal with the top 5 stressors that come with being a parent:

1. The Morning Rush: Mornings can be extremely hectic if you have kids, especially if it's during a school week. You have to make breakfast, lunches, dress your kids, find their shoes, and brush their teeth all before the school bus arrives. At this point, you haven't even had time for your own morning routine! A great way to make mornings less stressful is to do prep work the night before. Make their lunches and figure out their outfits the night before a school day – it makes your morning just that much easier! Another parenting tip is to wake up just a bit earlier than your kids do; this allows you to relax a bit before the day begins. Have a cup of coffee and enjoy every sip!

2. Bad Behavior: Kids aren't perfect, and like adults, they have their bad days too. After a long day of work it may seem like the end of the world when you find out your kids have been behaving poorly in social settings like school. As easy as it sounds to simply explode on your kids for their bad behavior, you have to remember to take a step back. Avoid a stressful situation by taking a deep breath and staying calm as you receive all the details pertaining to what happened with your child. Then, in a calm manner, come up with a solution to the problem. Put yourself in your kids shoes and look at the situation from their perspective.

Related Link: Parenting Tips: Ways To Talk To Your Kids About Sexual Abuse 3. Your Long To-Do List: As a parent, you may feel like you need to do everything yourself. Your to-do list may seem never ending at times but don't let that overwhelm you! You and your partner have sources of help everywhere. Instead of doing every day chores like laundry on your own, use outsources to help you out. This way, you'll be able to spend that time with your family by watching a movie or playing a game. If you still have a lot on your plate, it's a good idea to give yourself a "bubble break". Put in your headphones and block out the world for a little bit. You deserve it!

4. Constant Worrying: It's no surprise that parents like yourself are constantly worrying about everything and anything at all times. Being a parent comes with great responsibility and that ultimately becomes a major stressor. It's okay to remove yourself from the stress in your life every once in a while because it's extremely important for you to take care of yourself. Make time for <u>date nights</u> with your significant other and don't forget to vent to your friends! This type of release is so important for both you and your partner.

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5. Over scheduling: You and your family are always going a mile a minute – life can become overwhelming when you have a hundred things going on at once. As much as your and your partner want to be "super parents" it's a good idea to take things slow every once in a while. Make sure at least two days a week are completely free for you and your family to spend quality time together. It's very simple to do less! You and your loved ones will be able to relax; you all deserve a break.

Are you a parent? Comment below with how you deal with the stresses of parenting!