

# Celebrity Parents: Busy Philipps Says Husband 'Didn't Try' to Be a Dad Initially



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In [celebrity news](#), Busy Philipps gets real about the challenges of marriage and family in the November issue of *Parents* magazine. The actress and host of *E!'s Busy Tonight* opened up about her 11-year marriage to producer husband *Marc Silverstein* and how he wasn't the most supportive parent after the birth of their first child, Birdie Leigh, now 10. According to *People.com*, Philipps recalled, "He was not understanding how to be a dad and, in fact, didn't try. I was parenting by myself. When I told him, I wanted to have a second child, he said, 'Fine, but it's all on you.'" That was

so heartbreaking.” She continued, “Marriage is always hard, but especially when you have kids...You’re going to go through periods when you’re not into it, but there always has to be one person willing to fight. I went to Marc several times and said, ‘I cannot do this anymore. Something has to change, and it’s you.’ The celebrity parents had a lot of serious discussions and counseling. Since the conversation, the couple has welcomed their second child Cricket Pearl, now 5. The [celebrity parent](#) says, “He’s incredibly participatory now in a way I don’t think he could’ve imagined before. We’re a work in progress but trying our best.”

## **In celebrity parent news, Busy Philipps got real about parenting and marriage. What are some ways to encourage positive communication with your partner regarding parenting?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Marriage and parenthood bring many struggles! Cupid has some tips to encourage positive communication with your partner regarding parenting:

**1. Be open and honest:** This involves communicating with your partner. The both of you have to ask yourselves when you two got together, is this what you wanted out of the relationship? Were kids part of the mix? And if you already have kid,s how can you make this work? What can you change to be better partners and parents? Be honest with yourselves and with each other!

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**2. Learn to take a step back and compromise:** Parenting is hard enough, but co-parenting is a whole different ball game. When parenting, you learn and make mistakes and initially find your own way to raise your child. With a partner, your styles may not be the same, so you have to step back and let them do their own thing. But, also learn from each other. Like a marriage, you must compromise when it comes co-parenting.

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**3. Just talk to each other:** Communication is the first step you take in any relationship. It's how marriage and children are created. Start a conversation about your wants, needs, and desires. Just talk to each other, remember you two love each other and saw a future for yourselves beyond the first date. The worst thing you can do is not talk to each other. Talking is how you resolve problems and heal. So just talk!

**What are some tips to encourage positive communication with your partner regarding parenting? Share your thoughts below.**