

Sean Penn Dating Producer Shannon Costello

One of Hollywood's most sought after actors, Sean Penn, is officially dating producer Shannon Costello, who has worked on high-profile projects such as Davis Guggenheim's documentary *Waiting for Superman* and ABC's *20/20*. Penn's newest flame is also the former Communications Director of the actor's J/P Haitian Relief Organization. The couple met in the fall of 2009 and took their relationship public in early July of this year. According to [People](#), Costello was mistakenly identified at first by the media for Stacey Koplin. In spite of this short-lived case of mistaken identity, both Penn and Costello were seen looking very much like a couple on the sandy beaches of Malibu, at Nobu and dining out in Miami.

What's the best way to introduce your partner to your family?

Cupid's Advice:

Meeting the family is a huge step in your relationship. Try making the introduction in a casual setting where there's no pressure on you, your partner or your family:

- 1. Go out to dinner:** Meeting at a neutral setting where everyone can eat what they like is a great way to make an introduction. Besides making reservations, there's no preparation on your part.
- 2. Include them in a family event:** If there's a birthday or holiday party coming up with your family, bring your partner along to meet your nearest and dearest.
- 3. Have a dinner party:** If you like to cook and entertain, have friends and family over for dinner. If you aren't one to

cook, you can always order in.

How have you gone about introducing your partner to your family? Share your experiences below.