'Girls' Star Allison Williams Is Engaged





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Wedding bells will soon be ringing for actress Allison Williams. Although you may be fooled by her role of a single woman on the HBO show *Girls*, in reality the 25-year-old is happily in love. According to *People*, Williams is engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Ricky Van Veen. "I'd love to be a mom — and not have to bring my kids into my trailer ... Or a balance [of both], but you've [got to] call it on the fly to a certain extent," said Williams in a recent statement with *Glamour Magazine*. Also, during a Larry King interview in reference to her now fiancé, Williams stated that her father "likes him a lot."

What do you do if your parents don't approve of your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

One of the main things we tend to fear the most in the beginning stages of a relationship is the meeting of the parents step. We want it to go smoothly with absolutely no problems — all rainbows and unicorns. So the thought of your parents disliking your companion only adds to the discomfort. However, this does not always mean you should end the romance right away. Cupid has a few tips on what to do if your parents disapprove of your significant other:

1. Don't fret: For many, a parent's opinion matters the most, but do not let this tear your relationship apart. You may constantly find yourself between a rock and a hard place if you allow outsiders, including parents, to jeopardize your companionship.

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2. Speak well: Try to avoid sharing any negative comments about one to the other. Your parents have already formed a perception of your partner in their heads, and all it could possibly take is an emotional rant to worsen the situation (same goes for the other). Inform them of the good things that are happening in your romance.

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3. Give them time: Some say first impressions are everything and maybe even a deal breaker; while others believe in second chances. If you follow the first two steps thoroughly, there is a possibility your parents will eventually come around. Don't be afraid to all come together and share dialogue . . . cordially. Once it is shown you and your partner are genuinely happy, they will likely be happy for you. Keep in mind, your parents will always have your best interest at heart.

What are some ways to keep the peace between your parents and partner? Share your thoughts below.