

Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Dating as a Single Parent



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When you're dating as a single parent, each date seems to be the equivalent of a job interview. *Will he get along with my kids? Does he mind me having kids? Does he even like kids?* All of these questions are rational worries that every single mother faces in the dating game. We've pulled these five articles from our partners to help you play your cards right and find a love that's worth it:

1. Realize that it's okay to be dating: Single mothers often fear their children's reactions when they start dating. They don't want their kids to get attached to someone who may only be temporary or, even worse, hate someone who they want to be

permanent. Relax and remember that this is about your happiness too. Soon, you'll find a man who will make you eternally happy like Savannah Brinson and her star-studded hubby LeBron James. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

2. Consider online dating: Online dating is very convenient for single parents. It allows you to create a profile that will highlight all of your expectations for a mate. You'll be able to state whether or not you've been previously married, that you have children, and if you're looking for a long-term meaningful relationship. This will also allow you to check out your matches' profiles to see whether or not he'd be a good fit for you and your family. (GalTime.com)

3. Make it fun: Finding love as a single mother is hard enough, so you might as well not add to the pressure. Stay light on your feet and be prepared for anything. Though it may feel like a job interview, it's important to not treat it like one. You'll find out more about your partner by interacting with them in atypical environments, so feel free to be spontaneous with him. (YourTango.com)

4. Combining families is a wonderful thing: Dating someone else who has children can also work to your advantage. You both will understand that introductions may be delayed until you feel comfortable with one another and that your children are your first priorities. Guy Ritchie and fiancée Jacqui Ainsley are welcoming their third child together, making Ritchie a father of five. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

5. If you're looking for long-term love, tell him: By being up front about what you want, you put the ball in his court. Establishing this desire early on in the relationship is a confident move that he'll either admire or run from. His reaction will show you what kind of man he is or the kind of man he *could* be. Be patient and understand each other's needs from the get-go. (GalTime.com)

What's your best tip for dating as a single parent? Share in the comments below!