

Jewel and Ty Murray Welcome a Baby Boy



Looks like Jewel will be singing lullabies to her new baby boy, Kase Townes Murray. Jewel, the co-host of Bravo's new hit show 'Platinum Hit' found out she was pregnant the first day of filming for the show, according to [People](#). The singer was overjoyed when she found out she was expecting a child with Ty Murray, because she was having troubles conceiving. Unfortunately, she was involved in an accident where she was hit by a fire truck back in March while 5 months pregnant. Luckily, she and her unborn child were unharmed and the rest of her pregnancy was easy sailing!

How do you deal with pregnancy side effects at work?

Cupid's Advice:

Being a career woman and a new mom is definitely a lot to handle, and when you throw in some side effects from the

pregnancy, forget about it! Cupid has some tips on how to deal with pregnancy side effects at work:

1. Focus on work: Don't let the side effects of your pregnancy get to you. If you're distracted by your work, it will help to forget your upset stomach (and other aches/pains).

2. Try some different techniques: If you feel like you're dealing with a lot of side effects from your pregnancy at work, try to do some simple relaxation or breathing techniques to keep your mind off of the symptoms.

3. Embrace them: Yes, maybe having morning sickness or undeniable cravings can be rough at work, but embrace them and accept that it's all part of motherhood. It will be a lot easier to cope with them if you're willing to acknowledge that it's all worth it in the long-run.

What are some ways you deal with pregnancy side effects at work? Share your thoughts below!

Kate Hudson and Matthew Bellamy Have a Baby Boy





Kate Hudson is a mom for the second time! [People](#) reports that the actress and her fiancé Matthew Bellamy welcomed a baby boy on Saturday in Los Angeles. Hudson has a 7 1/2-year-old son, Ryder Russell, with her ex-husband, Chris Robinson. This is Bellamy's first child. The pair has yet to name their newborn son.

What are some differences when raising a boy versus a girl?

Cupid's Advice:

There are many differences between raising a boy and a girl. Girls tend to cling more to their mother while boys are more around their father. You notice these differences as they grow, but here are three that might surprise you:

- 1. Movements:** According to research, girls learn to walk and talk before boys. Once they are past preschool, boys are stronger and better at athletics, while girls excel at school.
- 2. Emotional:** Boys might appear to be less emotional compared to girls, but one study reveals that they are in fact more emotional than their female counterparts.
- 3. Motor skills:** According to Parenting.com, girls learn how to use kitchen utensils, toys, and how to write neatly sooner

than a boy does.

Do you think it's easier to raise a girl or a boy? Let us know in a comment below!

Halle Berry Accuses Gabriel Aubry of Child Neglect



Halle Berry and ex Gabriel Aubry are involved in what is sure to turn into a nasty custody battle. Berry has accused Aubry of endangering their daughter's life and violating their custody agreement. Her rep told UsMagazine.com, "Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her."

What do you do if your mate's parenting values don't match your own?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone is brought up differently so it's possible that you'll fall in love with someone who doesn't have the same parenting values as you do. How do you deal? Cupid has some tips:

1. Compromise: Whether you're single or in a relationship with someone, parenting is a two-way street. You need to set aside your differences and think about what's in the best interests of your child. It can't always be one parent making the tough decisions.

2. Make a schedule: Adhere to a strict set of rules for co-parenting. Set up a schedule and have a set plan that details how the two of you will make changes to that schedule without getting into an argument.

3. Be discreet: Inevitably, as parents, the two of you will have disagreements. However, the key is to *never* argue in front of your child. This not only affects the child emotionally, but it will add negativity to your relationship as well.

What are some ways you have dealt with the issues that come along with co-parenting? Share your experiences with a comment below.

Lamar Odom Says Khloe Kardashian Has Maternal Instincts



It's usually Mommy's maternal clock that ticks at a certain age, but that's not the case with Khloe Kardashian and NBA star husband, Lamar Odom.

This time, it's Daddy who's itching for a baby. Odom believes Kardashian would make a great mother to their potential child, and he should know; he's her test drive!

"She takes care of me, and I'm a pretty big baby," the 31 year-old Lakers star told [People](#). Aside from Odom, however, Kardashian has had a bit of child mothering experience in the past. "It's her natural instinct," said Odom. "She used to take care of her two younger sisters. She's gonna be great.

I can't wait until the day when we can share that moment when she gives birth to our child."

How do you know if your partner is cut out to be a parent?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes, when caught up in love, we think our partners are perfect for everything, even parenting. But how can you tell if your mate will be a phenomenal parent? Cupid has some quick tips:

1. Surrounding relationships: Chances are that how your partner treats you, his or her siblings, and his or her parents is an almost accurate representation of how your partner will treat your child. Keep an eye out for these things.

2. Responsibility, responsibility, responsibility: Make sure that before you make any baby plans, you see a consistent sense of responsibility coming from almost all of your partner's actions. It's by far the most important quality for a potential parent to possess.

3. Is money a sticky situation?: If your partner is always carelessly spending money, or is the opposite and is severely frugal, take that into account when you're thinking about having kids. Children need stable incomes.

What are some potential parenting traits you look out for in your partner? Share your ideas below.

Natalie Portman and Benjamin

Millepied Welcome A Son



Academy Award-winning actress Natalie Portman and fiancé Benjamin Millepied have welcomed a baby boy to the world, reports [People](#). Portman and Millepied met on the set of *Black Swan*, where Millepied was working as a choreographer. The pair confirmed their engagement and announced Portman's pregnancy in December.

How do you prepare for a son over a daughter?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you find out the gender of your baby, the real prep-work begins. Here are a few ways to prepare for a son:

1. Prepare the baby's room: When you find out the gender of your baby, prepare his room appropriately. Feel free to finally break away from a gender-neutral color scheme and

migrate towards shades of blue, green, and brown. Seeing the completed room will take a large burden off of your shoulders.

2. Inform relatives: Keep your friends and family up-to-date. Many of them, especially the ones planning the baby shower, will need (almost) as much time as you do to prepare.

3. Brainstorm: The gender of a baby is always unpredictable. If you were hoping for a daughter to play dress-up with, then you have some readjusting to do. Come up with other activities and buy toys that your son could enjoy.

Do you have experience in preparing for a baby boy? Feel free to share advice below!

Bethenny Frankel Is Scheduling Baby Making Time





Mother of one, entrepreneur and reality TV star Bethenny Frankel wants to add even more to her plate: baby number two. The former *Real Housewives* star said she's so busy that she and her husband actually have to schedule time to make a baby. "We want to have another child, but we're going to have to start trying," Frankel told [RadarOnline](#). "We talk about having two children, definitely. But I'm 40, like, we need to get on the bandwagon."

How do you prepare to have a child?

Cupid's Advice:

Nothing can fully prepare you for parenthood until the baby actually comes, but Cupid has some tips on how to make the transition easier:

- 1. Read books:** There are lots of great resources out there, like *What To Expect When You're Expecting*. Do some research before your bundle of joy arrives.
- 2. Ask for advice:** Talk to friends and family who have children to see what their biggest surprises were when their first child was born.

3. Babysit: If you have any young nieces, nephews or cousins that you can spend time with, becoming comfortable with them will help make you more used to having a little one around.

What did you do to get ready for your first child? Share your comments below.

Angelina Jolie Speaks Out About Love Brad Pitt



Can't get enough Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie? Well, that may not be an issue for long. After talk of getting married in the near future, Jolie recently opened up to [People](#) about her relationship with Pitt and their kids. "I love being with Brad," she revealed in a statement. "I'm very lucky with [him]. He is a real

gentleman, but he is also a real man's man." Their six children play a significant role in their relationship, and the couple includes them whenever possible. However, they do play up the balancing act in some ways, as Jolie explains their alone time is important as well. "It's special time for daddy when mom works for a few months," says the actress and UN Goodwill Ambassador. "And Brad is such a great dad. When I'm working, he's putting in the extra dad time, and that's special for their relationship, too."

How does your relationship grow after you have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Children are supposed to bring joy to your life, but really they can either solidify or destroy a relationship. Cupid has some way your relationship can grow after having kids:

1. Quality time: You're working more closely together now and are taking turns with the children. This can help enhance communication, and it's something you handle as a team. Also, those times you do get to relax, it's nice to have your partner there to cuddle.

2. Support system: Both of you will be stressed out at first, especially if it's your first child. A baby is a big adjustment, and you both need to make sacrifices. Vent to each other and reassure your partner that you're in this together.

3. Family matters: After marriage, this is a tremendous factor in your relationship. Not only are you spending the rest of your life together, but now you're raising a family. Do what Brad and Angelina do-include the kids whenever possible, but admire and take advantage of the alone time you guys get.

How did kids change your relationship? Share your experiences below.

Fergie and Josh Duhamel Are Ready to Start a Family



Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie has babies on the mind, reports [People](#). When asked about starting a family with her husband Josh Duhamel, the singer replied, " Oh yeah, of course. Not right this second. [I'm] not pregnant, for the record. But, yeah." Fergie, who is taking a break from the Black Eyed Peas as her bandmates work on solo projects, is glad to be "getting more of that personal time. Josh and I have gotten to spend a lot more time together this year than other years, which is great."

How do you know it's time to start building a family with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Starting a family is one of the biggest changes your life will ever face. Here are a few ways to determine if you're ready:

1. Your marriage is in a good place: Make sure that you and your husband are absolutely comfortable together and that your marriage is happy and stable before bringing a baby into the world.

2. Financial stability: Children are expensive. Before having a child, make sure your bank accounts are able to handle the burden. Being financially stable will save you from much frustration down the line.

3. Your feelings: Analyze your own feelings on the subject. If you don't feel 100 percent ready to start a family, then don't. You need to be completely sure of your decision before you commit to such a life-changing experience.

When did you know you were ready to start a family? Feel free to comment below.

How Maria Shriver Found Out About Arnold Schwarzenegger's Love Child





New details about how Maria Shriver learned of her husband's infidelity have surfaced. UsMagazine.com reports that Shriver, 55, went out to eat with girlfriends Oprah Winfrey and Gayle King right before the news broke that Arnold Schwarzenegger fathered a child with a member of their household staff. Shriver supported her friend Oprah by attending her talk show send-off just days after the scandal went public. "Not only did she come, she came, she showed up, she did the part," King, 54, said. "[Maria's] a class act and she's handling it with such grace, trying to figure out what to do...how to help the children through. It's just a very difficult time and heartbreaking to see."

What are some ways to react when you find out your partner has cheated?

Cupid's Advice:

Learning about a partner's affair is tough, and there are lots of different ways to react. Cupid has some ideas on the best and worst ways to respond:

1. Get your revenge: Often our first instinct is to get angry and take it out on your cheating partner. While it's

important to feel your frustration and sadness, don't do or say something you'll regret later.

2. Become a hermit: Once you hear the earth-shattering news, you may need some time alone to grieve. But don't forget that going out and spending time with friends and family is essential during a difficult time.

3. Keep it classy: Even though you may want to either hole up or lash out at your mate, try to stay above all the pettiness. Take the high road, and remember that life goes on.

How would you respond to news that your significant other cheated? Share your comments below.

Arnold Schwarzenegger Fathered a Child Out of Wedlock





The shocking breakup of one of the biggest power couples in Hollywood and politics now makes a lot more sense, reports [People](#). The *Los Angeles Times* broke the news that Arnold Schwarzenegger fathered a child out of wedlock 10 years ago, resulting in he and wife Maria Shriver separating. In a statement to the newspaper, the 63-year-old actor and ex-governor said, "After leaving the governor's office I told my wife about this event, which occurred over a decade ago. I understand and deserve the feelings of anger and disappointment among my friends and family."

What are some ways to tell that your mate is being unfaithful?

Cupid's Advice:

Maria Shriver was shocked to learn that her husband cheated, but if you can pick up on some warning signs, you might be able to save yourself a lot of time and a little bit of hurt.

Cupid has some ways to tell that your partner is running around behind your back:

- 1. Liar liar:** If you catch your partner in an untruth, ask more questions to see if they get uncomfortable. If you feel like they're hiding something, it may be another lover.

2. Gone: When your mate spends a lot of time away from you and gives you lame excuses about where they've been, question them.

3. Abnormal behavior: Has your significant other changed his or her behavior dramatically? If you notice an attitude shift, like apologizing for everything or being extra sweet, be wary.

What are some other warning signs to watch out for? Share your ideas below.

Eric Dane Loves His Wife Rebecca Gayheart More Than Ever





Motherhood makes the heart grow fonder, according to *Grey's Anatomy* star, Eric Dane who welcomed baby Billie Beatrice into the world last year with wife Rebecca Gayheart. "I don't know if there's any change more significant that a human being can make than that of a woman becoming a mother. There's no change more dramatic," Dane told [People](#). "You know, I'm a hundred times more attracted to her now and I love her exponentially more than I did before. It's just great to see her be a mother."

Dane explained by saying he loves that his wife is a "hands on" mother even though the couple does have a little bit of help raising the 14-month-old. "There's not a lot that goes on that she's not a part of."

What are some ways your relationship changes after you have a child?

Cupid's Advice:

A baby can truly change everything in a relationship and make it more remarkable than it already was. Cupid has some important ways:

1. Makes you closer: Raising a child is not an easy task, and sharing the responsibilities of caring for the baby brings any

couple closer together. Whether it's who is going to change diapers while the other one makes bottles, teamwork is a necessity.

2. Makes life fun: Bringing a child into this world that's yours is a magnificent thing, and who wouldn't want to have the love and affection you receive from your own baby every single day? It makes life fun, exciting and worthwhile.

3. Makes life occasionally stressful: Having a child is a big responsibility because between working and raising a child, you may sometimes feel you no longer have time for your significant other. No need to worry though! You've now entered a new chapter in your life, which may not be the honeymoon stage, but it's the beginning of something great.

How did your relationship change when you had kids? Share your experience below.

'Saved By the Bell' Star Mark-Paul Gosselaar's Ex Seeking Joint Custody of Kids





In the midst of a painful divorce, Mark-Paul Gosselaar and his estranged wife have found some common ground, according to [People](#). The former *Saved By the Bell* star filed for divorce from wife Lisa Ann Russell in June, citing “irreconcilable differences.” The couple, who were married for 14 years, both filed for joint custody of their children, Michael Charles, 7, and Ava Lorenn, 5.

What are some ways to compromise during a divorce?

Cupid’s Advice:

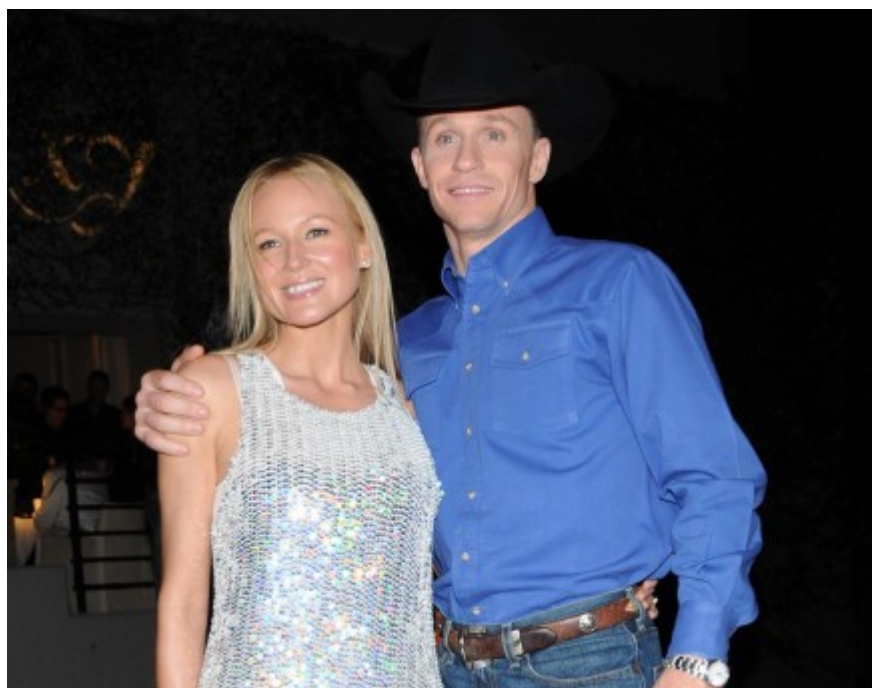
Divorce is difficult, but if you can meet each other halfway, it can be made a little easier. Cupid has some tips on how to compromise:

- 1. Think about the kids:** For your children’s sake, try to find some middle ground. Try to come to a custody agreement sooner rather than later to spare your kids some heartache.
- 2. Remember:** There can be a lot of hostility during a divorce, but if you remember you were in love once, maybe you’ll be easier on each other.
- 3. Take the high road:** As much as you want to stand your

ground and fight to the bitter end, don't. Consider solutions that work for everyone, not just yourself.

What are some other ways to make a divorce easier? Share your comments below.

'90210' Alum Ian Ziering Welcomes First Child



Former *90210* star Ian Ziering has a new ray of sunshine in his life, and it's not from Beverly Hills. His wife Erin gave birth last week to their first child, Mia Loren. "Erin and I are very excited to be parents," Ziering told [E! Online](#) in October. "It's something we both have always wanted." The new father is more prepared than his *90210* character Steve Sanders, who was

expecting with girlfriend Lindsay Price on the show. “Well, it’s official, I’m a dad!” he posted via Facebook. “As I sit holding Mia, Erin sleeps the most beautiful sleep. My thoughts race with visions of a brighter future, only made possible by what happens today... or, last night! God bless us all.” Best of luck to these new proud parents.

How do you know when you’re ready to have children?

Cupid’s Advice:

Having a baby is a big step for couples, and isn’t anything to rush. Children change lives, and both partners need to be ready for the adjustment. Before considering it, ask yourself these questions:

1. Can you afford to support yourself and a baby?: Make sure you’re financially stable, you have enough space and that your partner will be able to pay child support in the event of a separation. Money is a crucial factor to consider when having a baby. You need to make sure you are both committed to paying the child’s expenses.

2. How serious is the relationship?: Analyze your relationship. Do you plan on getting married or moving in together? How long have you been together? You need to think about your future as a couple before deciding on babies.

3. Are you ready to make sacrifices?: Remember, once you have children, they are your responsibility for the next eighteen years. If you’re finishing school, job hunting or simply love going out, perhaps it’s best to wait awhile. Even the biggest dreams are put on hold when a baby is born.

What are some other important factors to consider before having kids? Share your thoughts below.

Former 'Idol' Star Justin Guirini Welcomes a Baby Boy



Former *American Idol* star, Justin Guirini, welcomed a son, William Neko Bell Guarini, on Tuesday, April 26. “Reina is doing wonderfully and should be given a medal for going 10 months and 1 week with child,” Guirini said about his wife. He added, “We’re resting comfortably in the hospital and can’t wait to introduce him to his big sister...”

How does the dynamic change when you add a second child to the family?

Cupid’s Advice:

Many consider having a second child so that their first will have a sibling. The thought of having two children might sound amazing, but changes to the family will occur. Here are just a few:

1. Expenses: Having another child means there will be more expenses. Therefore, you might have to limit how much you give your first child. It's all about compromise and sharing.

2. Daily routines: All of your daily routines will change in order to accommodate the new member to your family. This may mean your first child won't get as much attention.

3. Balance your time: Since you aren't taking care of one child any more, you will have to balance your time to make sure each of your children get what they need. If you don't, as your children get older, there might be some competition between them.

What things changed when you added a second child to your family? Share a comment below.

'Bachelor' Star Emily Maynard's Mom Speaks Out On Brad Womack





For those of you who thought Brad Womack had finally found true love his second time around, think again. According to [HollywoodLife](#), Emily Maynard's mom, Susan Maynard, commented that their relationship is a bit rocky. Maynard told *People*, "They have not officially broken up. It's still kind of on and off, I hear nothing but good things about Brad. They are still just trying to get to know each other." Although it doesn't seem as though Susan Maynard has much confidence in the couple making it in the long run, we will just have to wait and see.

Do your parents know best when it comes to your relationships?

Cupid's Advice:

As frustrating as our parents can be sometimes, they are the people that have known us the longest. Cupid has some advice on why our parents may know what's best when it comes to our relationships:

- 1. Your best interests in mind:** As much as we all love our friends, the only people who we can be positive only want what's best for us are our parents.
- 2. They've been there:** It may be strange to think of your

parents as young and dating, but they were in your shoes once before. So, don't be quick to rule out their advice. It comes from a place of experience.

3. They know you the best: The only people who know us better than we know ourselves are the people who have known us the longest – our parents. This means that they probably also know what you need in a relationship.

Do you think your parents know you better than you know yourself when it comes to relationships? Share your experiences below.

Halle Berry Speaks Out About Custody Battle with Gabriel Aubry





The rumored custody battle between Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry might be coming to a close, reports [People](#). The duo, who split last April, have been recently engaging the court's help to solve their issues revolving around their daughter, Nahla, 3. "When there's a child involved, it's a relief when you can resolve things in a good way," says Berry, who also mentioned that the court proceedings have gone well. "Our issues were never about fighting for her. We both know a child needs both her parents. But what I want to say about it is sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We needed a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues, and I'm so happy we've arrived at that place – because for her sake, this is the best way. We both love her more than life."

What things should you consider when deciding on custody issues after a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Divorces are tough enough without the added turmoil revolving around kids from the relationship. Cupid has some things to consider about custody after a split:

1. What the child wants: Perhaps the most important thing to

think about in the midst of a separation is how the child is thinking and feeling. Before fighting over the best interests of the child, make sure to listen to what your children have to say about the situation. They might shed some much-needed light.

2. The child's best interests: Try to think about who is best equipped to have a child in his or her life post-split. If you're both completely willing and able, consider joint custody and split the time with your child down the middle. If one of you has a demanding career, perhaps full custody should go to the parent with a less time-consuming job ... with visiting rights for the other of course.

3. What's best for you: Although it's true that your child's interests should most likely come first, don't ignore what would be best for you in your situation. If raising a child will prove difficult for you, perhaps you should consider giving up custody. If you can't imagine your life without your child, voice that opinion, too.

What would you do in a custody battle? Share your experiences below.

Julianne Hough Talks Babies ... With Ryan Seacrest?





Dancing with the

Stars pro and country music singer Julianne Hough is only 22, but she's already thinking about children, according to UsMagazine.com. Hough, who has been dating Ryan Seacrest for a year, said she wants to be ready physically when she gets pregnant. "I don't want to have kids anytime soon, but when I do, I want my body to be healthy." The blonde bombshell said she keeps fit by avoiding processed foods and going to high-intensity cardio dance classes.

What are some changes you need to make to be healthy for pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

When you have a baby, you want to make sure he or she is healthy by being healthy yourself. Cupid has some tips on how to make sure your body's ready for a baby:

1. Exercise: Even when you're pregnant or plan on becoming pregnant, you should still try to do some sort of physical activity every day. While you don't have to do cardio dance like Julianne Hough, yoga or walking are other less strenuous options.

2. Eat right: Make sure you are getting all the vitamins and minerals you need by eating plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. Once you're pregnant, be sure to keep up with the prenatal vitamins.

3. Stop smoking and drinking: If you're planning on having a baby soon, stop smoking and drinking heavily. It's important to make these changes as early as three months before you get pregnant.

How do you plan to prepare physically for pregnancy? Share your comments below.

Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Take Her Boys to Las Vegas





A week after her performance at Palms Casino Resort's Rain Nightclub, Britney Spears spent time with her boyfriend, Jason Trawick, and her two boys in Las Vegas. The four dined in a private dining room at Nove Italiano. According to [People](#), a source said, "Britney was very quiet ... but her kids were very nice and looked great."

Is Vegas a good vacation spot for kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Vacationing in Las Vegas, especially with your significant other, can be fun. But if you're planning a family vacation there and are unsure if it'll be an ideal place to take your children, consider the following tips:

- 1. Destination:** Most importantly, it depends on exactly where you're going in Vegas. If you'll spend most of your time in casinos and nightclubs, you're better off leaving your children at home.
- 2. Research:** There are plenty of activities for kids in Vegas. Pools and rides are just two options. This way your children also have something to get excited about.

3. Age: If your children are infants, it might not be the best time to take them to Las Vegas, especially considering how crazy it can get there. Find a babysitter or wait a few years to explore all that Sin City has to offer.

Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller Reach Custody Agreement



Sometimes it's easy to forget that in the middle of the media frenzy, Charlie Sheen and wife Brooke Mueller have two young boys to worry about. [E! Online](#) reports that the soon-to be divorced couple

have finally reached a custody agreement for their 2-year-old twin sons, Bob and Max. According to a source, Sheen gets the twins every other weekend and after four months, if he passes a drug test, he gets to see them up to four days a week. In addition, both parents must have nannies present at all times.

Should you fight for custody of your children?

Cupid's Advice:

A divorce is hard enough, but when there are children involved, things get a lot tougher. Cupid has some tips on what to do during a custody battle:

- 1. Fight for your children:** If you love your kids and want to be in their lives, you should fight to have custody. Showing you are a responsible parent will help your case.
- 2. Wait awhile:** When you go through a rough patch like Charlie Sheen, sometimes it's best to let your spouse take custody of the children. Once you're back on your feet, you can fight for more time with your kids.
- 3. Comfort them:** Reassure your child that no matter what happens, you will always be in their lives. Even if you don't see each other every day, let them know that you'll always be there for them.

Khloe Kardashian Says Kris Humphries Must Pass Family's

Initiation



Khloe Kardashian has some advice for sister Kim's long-distance basketball boyfriend Kris Humphries: impress the fam. Khloe, who married Los Angeles Laker star Lamar Odom in September of 2010 knows firsthand how critical her brood can be. "I don't think Kris knows what he's getting into," Kardashain told [People](#). She says that this summer Humphries will get the opportunity to spend some time with the whole family and get initiated into the Kardashian group ... if he can manage.

What do you do if your partner doesn't get along with your family?

Cupid's Advice:

There is no one more influential in your choice of mate other than the members of your family. It may work in movies, but if your boo and your family butt heads, something needs to be done:

1. Talk it out: Discuss things separately first and then together if need be. Why does your partner not get along with your family and vice versa? As soon as you figure out where the conflict begins, you can start to mend the situation.

2. Figure out the reason: Is there a good reason for conflict between your partner and your family? Perhaps your family is concerned about your well-being when you're with your partner. Consider these objections for what they're worth and if they hold any value.

3. Blood is thicker: than water. Just like when your parents would weed out the good-for-nothing friends you brought home from school, you're family is still (and always will be) your family. If this boyfriend is just a passing phase, consider moving on.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Keep a Tight Family Life





If their life was like a sitcom, it'd be called "The Brangelina Bunch." Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were out in New Orleans last weekend with their entire clan of kids, according to [People](#). While things are busy on vacation with the family, the life of this celebrity family is becoming, as a source said, "organized chaos." "Of course it's wild when all the kids are there, and evening tends to be a bit chaotic with dinner and bedtime are both good with rules," the source said. "[Pitt and Jolie] there are definitely consequences, like time-outs, for bad behavior, but for the most part the kids all get along."

How can you include your kids in date night?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Go somewhere kid friendly:** Avoid the bars and clubs with your children. Instead, perhaps try a child's movie, bowling or mini-golfing. Plus, it's sometimes fun to revisit your own childhood!
- 2. Back before bedtime:** Try to have your kids in early. But just because they went to sleep, doesn't mean your night is over. Rent a movie to watch after the kids are sleeping so you can have some romantic alone time.

3. Keep it 'G-Rated': Try to be mindful about you and your partner's PDA. Your offspring are observant creatures so try to set the example for proper etiquette when in public.

Pete Wenz and Ashlee Simpson: Custody Fight in the Works?



A simple divorce may be easier said than done when it comes to Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz, reports [People](#). The pair announced the end of their two year marriage last month when Simpson filed for divorce. Initially, the couple made a joint statement saying, "We remain friends and deeply committed and loving parents to our son Bronx, whose happiness and well-being remains our No. 1 priority." Now, Wentz has filed a divorce response in Los

Angeles. Simpson had originally filed for divorce requesting sole custody of their two-year-old son. Wentz's request seeks joint custody. Since the divorce proceedings still fairly fresh, it's difficult to say whether or not a custody battle is in the works.

Who should your kids live with after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

One of the most difficult and important decisions parents can make when going through a divorce is where the children are placed following. Cupid's got some things to consider:

1. If they're young: So much is changing in their lives right now, so it's important to keep as much the same as possible. If they don't have to change schools, don't make them. Have the children stay with the parent who can keep them in the same district.

2. If they're older: Let them choose. If both parents are capable and willing, there is no reason why the child(ren) in question can't make the decision.

3. Best of both worlds: If at all possible, file a joint custody arrangement so that both parents would live with the child(ren) at different times.

Charlie Sheen's Goddesses Insist He's a Good Dad



Apparently Charlie Sheen is “winning” with some of his friends in the adult entertainment industry. His “goddesses” Melanie Rios and Kasey Jordan insist that Sheen’s recent antics are not indicative of his ability to be a father and his love for his daughters Sam, 7, and Lola, 5, with Denise Richards and two-year-old twin sons Max and Bob with Brooke Mueller. According to UsMagazine.com, Rios claims, “He loves his kids and he makes an effort to be there for them.” Even Mueller admits, “He knows he has an addiction and in order to be a good father, he has to kick the addiction. He loves his kids.”

How can you tell if your partner is a good parent?

Cupid’s Advice:

1. Patience: Kids can be frustrating and difficult, and the only way to get through being a parent is with a lot of patience. Look for signs to see how your partner reacts in these high stress situations.

2. Compassion: If your partner is loving and compassionate with you and others, that is most likely the way he will be with your children.

3. Responsible: The decisions you and your partner make with your children can effect them for the rest of their lives. Make sure your mate is responsible enough to handle what is going on now, before you add kids into the mix.

Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller Don't Reach Custody Agreement



With no luck in reaching a custody settlement over the weekend, Charlie Sheen

and Brooke Mueller will battle it out in court on Tuesday. Sources tell [TMZ](#) that several issues stood in the way of an agreement. Mueller insists that a monitor is present whenever Sheen has the twins, Max and Bob, at his house. And she wants to make sure that any current or future partner Sheen has doesn't have the right to "exercise parental responsibilities." In order for the estranged couple to gear up for the court fight, Sheen's lawyer must contact Mueller's lawyer on Monday.

What should you tell your kids during a custody fight?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're in court fighting over your children, it can be tough on them. Cupid has some things you can tell them during the battle:

- 1. Positive image:** No matter how much you dislike your ex-spouse, never trash him or her in front of your kids. Your children should have a positive image of you both, and not be swayed by any conflict.
- 2. No one's fault:** Let them know that it's not their fault and has nothing to do with them.
- 3. Spending time:** Let them know that by getting a divorce, it won't change the fact that you will always be their mother or father. Things will be mostly the same, except you all won't spend time together as much.