

# Sandra Bullock Says She's a 'Better Person' After Baby Louis



Academy Award winner Sandra Bullock dazzled in red this past Sunday at the 2011 Oscars. Bullock received her 2010 Best Actress Oscar (for *Blind Side*) only to find herself filing for divorce from now ex-husband Jesse James just weeks later. So what was on Bullock's mind this past Sunday when she was being questioned on the red carpet? According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), it's on her new main man, baby Louis. Bullock adopted in secret in January of 2010 finally making it public later that spring. The actress, who has returned to making movies again after a year and a half sabbatical gushed about her new life. "It's made me a better person. I'm more patient

and accommodating. I really appreciate where I am.”

**Does having a child change your relationship with your partner?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Bringing a child into the mix will guarantee one thing in your relationship, and that’s a major change. Whether that change is for the better or the worse is up to you:

**1. Communicate better:** With a baby in tow, both of you will be sleepless and irritable. Make sure not to take your lack of sleep out on each other, even if you have to come out right and say it. Sometimes just acknowledging that you’re tired and easily annoyed can make all the difference.

**2. Create a new routine:** Long gone are the days of Friday night dates and lazy Sundays. In their place, you can create new routines and patterns. Suddenly, minor things like brewing coffee for your love in the morning will be just the loving touch he needs.

**3. Bringing out the best:** Now, it’s not just you that you’re looking out for, but a whole new person. Now is the time when you and your partner really have to have those hard discussions about morals and values, and which ones you’ll be teaching. And if you two can’t agree to disagree on some, then there’s a long road ahead of you.

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**Natalie Portman’s Co-Star**

# Says She Will Be 'Best Mom in the World'



Academy Award winner Natalie Portman is admired by many for her phenomenal acting in *Black Swan*, but her friend and co-star, Greta Gerwig, who co-starred with Portman in *No Strings Attached*, is praising her for another reason. "I think if everything else she does in her life is an indication of what a great mom she'll make, she's going to be the best mom in the world," Gerwig told [People](#) Saturday at the Film Independent's Spirit Awards. "She's a lovely girl to pal around with. It's been really great to know her." Gerwig was nominated for Best Actress at the Independent Spirit Awards against Portman, and although she knew her odds of winning were slim, she was thrilled with her nomination.

**How do you know if your partner will make a good parent?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Are you wondering if your significant other will be a good parent? There are many qualities for which to look:

- 1. Patience:** Patience is the first characteristic necessary to being a good parent. You need to have the ability to tolerate daily circumstances that occur when raising your child.
  - 2. Responsibility:** Being a good parent means being responsible and putting the needs of your child above your own.
  - 3. Reliable:** If you can rely on your partner, then you can be sure to count on him or her when your child needs one of you.
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## Penélope Cruz and Javier Bardem Find Time for Romantic Dinner







*Vicky Christina Barcelona* stars and now-spouses Penélope Cruz and Javier Bardem found themselves with some free time last week, reports [People](#). The couple, who just had their first child together, were able to get away for a romantic dinner in London at Gordon Ramsay. Onlookers say the two couldn't keep their hands off of each other and that they were looking very cozy.

**How do you find time for romance when you have a baby?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's easy to focus all of your attention on your new bundle of joy, but in order to main both your sanity and your relationship, make sure to take some time out to focus on romance:

- 1. Schedule it:** It may not be the most romantic idea, but if you don't schedule some alone time, no one will. So make dinner reservations for two, and get a babysitter.
- 2. Find a pattern:** Does your baby's nap time always seem to fall around the same time as when your partner gets home?

Take advantage of it, and cuddle together in the rare silence. Just make sure there's a baby monitor nearby in case both of you fall asleep.

**3. Create inside jokes:** Nobody will be spending more time around your newborn than you and your spouse. To create a connection during a less than private time, mention something that only your honey will understand. The inside information will bring a smile to his face.

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## Teen Mom Star Leah Explains Why Husband Corey Is 'the One'





Teen Mom star Leah Messer says the relationship between she and her husband Corey Simms is better than ever, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). In fact, she recently told her friend that he is “The One.” “At first there were ups and downs, but I think we’re doing really good now,” Messer said. “The thing is with me and Corey, we do things very fast. From the very beginning, we got pregnant. But with [him], I feel like I’m happier than I’ve ever been in my entire life.” She added that if he were to propose she would say “yes – hell yeah!”

The relationship between these two has been no walk in the park, including a six month break following Messer’s affair with an ex-boyfriend.

**Can you regain trust after your partner cheats?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Probably one of the most difficult things to do is trust once it’s been broken. It involves more than just your partner’s desire to make things right. Cupid has a few suggestions:

**1. Honesty is the best policy:** They broke the trust, so now

they have to work twice as hard to regain it. The only to do that is to simply be honest ... all the time. Set up a policy of total disclosure between you and your partner.

**2. Forgive, but don't forget:** If you're serious about making your relationship work again, then you'll have to forgive your partner. Remember that just because they came back, it doesn't mean they won't leave again. So be cautious, especially at first.

**3. Find out why:** This is something you may not want to hear, but there may be some opportunities for your relationship to grow if you know what drove them away from you in the first place.

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## Katy Perry's Mom Wants Grandkids ASAP







Celebrity newlyweds Katy Perry and Russell Brand are in no hurry to have children, but Perry's mother, Mary Hudson, is singing a very different tune. As the wannabe grandmother told [People](#) on the red carpet of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grammy Awards, "I just can't wait for them to have babies. Grandma, here we come!" She also stated that the couple makes a great team in spite of their busy schedules.

### **How do you handle pressure to have kids?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Many couples have faced the pressure to start a family when they aren't ready. The best course of action is to ignore the critics and do what is right for you:

- 1. Ignore it:** People will say what they want and you can do what you want. Nod, smile ... and tune out.
- 2. Put the ball back in their court:** Sometimes it's best to ask the people pressuring you when they are going to change something in their lives that is equally dramatic. See how

they like it!

**3. Put your foot down:** Tell people that it's none of their business to decide when you make changes to your life, especially one as big as starting a family.

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## Tony Romo and Candice Crawford Celebrate Super Bowl With Family



Tony Romo has a lot to be thankful for this Super Bowl season, and a lot of it revolves around his fiancée, Candice Crawford.

The duo have been pre-celebrating the game throughout the week, and they've even made it a family affair. According to a source, Romo and Candice's brother, *Gossip Girl* star Chace Crawford, are already friends. Chace has been joining his happy bride-to-be sister and future brother-in-law for pre-Super Bowl festivities as well, reports [People](#). Even Candice's parents joined in on the fun at an exclusive dinner party hosted by Audi in Dallas. An observer said, "Tony and Candice have been at party after party together, and they are always snuggling or laughing with each other or with friends."

### **How do you incorporate your family into your relationship?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Once your relationship turns serious, it's important to keep your family involved so that they can share in your happiness.

Cupid has a few tips:

- 1. Invite them to events:** Take a cue from Candice Crawford and Tony Romo and invite your family along to parties and other fun happenings. Even if you just invite them over to your home for dinner, the more exposure they have to your relationship, the better.
  - 2. Ask for advice:** Make sure your family members know that you value their opinions. Get their advice and recommendations about where to go on dates or gifts you plan on buying for your partner.
  - 3. Update them:** It may seem simple, but keeping them abreast of any goings on in your relationship will keep your family involved. The fact that you aren't hiding the relationship or keeping secrets will do nothing but help you.
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# Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry Begin Ugly Custody Fight



Award-winning actress Halle Berry and her model ex Gabriel Aubry have begun what seems to be a brutal battle of custody over 3-year-old daughter, Nahla, [People](#) reports. Berry and Aubry, who split last year after four years together, have brought their battle public. Earlier this week, Berry released a statement voicing, “serious concerns for her daughter’s well-being while in the care of her father.”

Sources close to Berry claim that Aubry became verbally abusive to her after their break-up, even using a racial slur. Still, Aubry’s friends stand by his side. One source said, “I never saw someone more dedicated to their child.”

**How can you keep your child out of your custody fight?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Nobody wants to be involved in a custody battle. But if you do find yourself drawing up visitation papers, make sure to keep your children calm, happy and distracted:

**1. Keep them busy:** Arrange for your kids to go home with a friend after school or spend the weekend with their grandparents. The more you distract your children and keep them away from the fights, the less they'll worry.

**2. Activities and clubs:** After-school activities and clubs, whether it be a sports team or drama club are great outlets for children to release pent-up energy and anger. By the time their activities are done, they're home for dinner, homework and bed.

**3. Stay in check:** This is you and your partner's battle, so don't involve your children. Even though it may be tempting to say something harsh about their mom or dad when tempers rise, don't do it. Children take in everything, and we forget just how observant and impressionable they are.

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# Denise Richards Protects Children From Charlie Sheen







It's no secret that Charlie Sheen has constantly been in and out of rehab, but now it's affecting his children. As a result of the media frenzy surrounding the actor's rambunctious behavior, according to *People*, ex-wife Denise Richards has been trying her hardest to protect their daughters Sam, 6 and Lola, 5. With new drama about the *Two and a Half Men* star in the news every day, shielding the kids is getting to be a full-time job for Richards, who has said she still cares about her ex a great deal. The actor also has 2-year-old twins with ex-wife, Brooke Mueller.

**When should you protect your children from your ex?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

It's the parents' job to protect and shelter their children for as long as possible. In certain cases, that responsibility extends to protecting them from your ex. Here are some of those cases:

**1. When drugs or alcohol are involved:** Until your partner or

ex-partner can sober up, he or she should not be allowed around the kids.

**2. When they are abusive:** If your mate is physically or emotionally abusive to you or the kids, cut off all contact. Protect your kids by telling them that they are safe and that abuse is not acceptable behavior.

**3. Mental or physical illness:** Though it may not be your partner's fault that they are ill, children need to be protected from the pain serious illness can cause. At least shelter them from some of the gruesome details.

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## Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick Take a Family Vacation





According to *UsMagazine.com*, E! reality star Kourtney Kardashian and longtime boyfriend, Scott Disick took a quality vacation in Cancun, Mexico with their 13-month-old son, Mason. An insider stated that the couple seemed very relaxed on their tropical family fiesta. After rumors of a rocky romance between the two, this three-day getaway was free from turmoil.

**What are ways to re-focus a drama-filled relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Drama doesn't always mean that your relationship has to come to an end. Here are some ways to work it out:

- 1. Get away for a while:** Though vacations may seem like a temporary solution, they may be just what you need to spark a permanent reconciliation.
- 2. Listen:** Take a break from your own fighting words to listen to your partner's concerns, thoughts and feelings. Try to understand things from his point of view. Sometimes understanding is the key to resolving important issues.

**3. Look at the big picture:** Your drama may be comprised of a series of small fights centered around a big problem you are not confronting. Figure out the heart of the matter, and then focus on that instead.

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## Kate Middleton Attends Wedding with Future In-Laws



This weekend, Kate Middleton got to know her future royal family a little better at the wedding of a close friend of her fiancé, Prince William. *People* reports that Middleton and Prince William joined Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice and Middleton's future in-laws at the wedding of Harry Aubrey-



Fletcher to the Honorable Sarah Louise Stourton on Saturday. Kate Middleton, who turned 29 on Sunday, will get married to Prince William on April 29 at Westminster Abbey.

**What are some ways to impress your future family?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting along with your partner's family is really important if you plan to have a future together. Cupid has some advice on how to charm the in-laws:

- 1. Be yourself:** Don't pretend to be someone you're not, because your partner's family will most likely see right through you. Be honest and confident, and they can't help but love you.
- 2. Show you're serious:** Make sure your partner's family knows how much you care about him. If they're confident that it's true love, they'll be grateful that their child is happy.
- 3. Ask for advice:** By asking your in-laws for help, you're showing them that you trust them and are open to their opinions. They'll appreciate being included in your life as a couple.

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## **A-Rod's Kids Like Kate Hudson Better Than Cameron Diaz**







Apparently, Cameron Diaz pales in comparison to Kate Hudson when it comes to boyfriend, Alex Rodriguez's kids. According to *UsMagazine.com*, a source says that Natasha, 6, and Ella, 2, "liked Kate more than Cameron, since she had Ryder [Hudson's 6-year-old son]. They really miss him." Diaz has been doing her best to get on the kids' good side while vacationing in Cab San Lucas, Mexico over the holidays. Hopefully, all of her efforts don't go unnoticed!

**What do you do if your kids don't like the person you're dating?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Your kids are some of the most important people in your life, and their opinion of your new partner will definitely have an effect on the relationship. Cupid has some advice on what to do if your kids aren't thrilled about the person you're dating:

**1. Find out why:** If your kids have a reason beyond "he's not my dad" to dislike your new relationship, you need to find out

what that reason is and, if possible, find a way to fix it.

**2. Put their needs first:** As hard as it is to hear, being a parent is your first priority. If your children don't get along with your new partner, then you may need to rethink the relationship.

**3. Give it time:** Sometimes it's just hard for children to adjust to new faces. Although they may not initially be thrilled with your relationship, time may be the answer.

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## Christie Brinkley Says Finding Love Isn't a Priority



Even though Christie Brinkley has been divorced for two years, she's in no hurry to find love again, according to *People*.

Why? According to the model, she's not as likely to meet people when she has her kids with her, which is a lot of the time. Also, she says, "you never really know if someone is talking to you because you're a celebrity. It's not my number one priority." Brinkley currently has three children, and says that being a mother "takes a lot of work. My works makes me a better mom. It gives me a little door to step out of my parenting and bring the excitement from that day back home."

Her advice to bounce back from a painful divorce? "You've got to find a way to keep laughing, even if it's black humor, and my friends are very good at that," she says. "Some people think of happiness as a luxury, but it's a necessity, and you need to make space for it in your life."

### **How do you know if someone likes you for the right reasons?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Celebrities can never tell if people are into them because they're famous or because they actually like them. Even for those of us who aren't famous, it can be tough to tell if someone's interested for the right reasons. Here are some hints:

- 1. Eye contact:** It may seem simple, but if someone is actually interested in what you're saying, he will make eye contact with you during a conversation. If it seems like he's constantly glancing around to see who's watching, he might be a fake.
- 2. He's attentive:** He sends you cute texts in between dates, he remembers things you said the last time you saw him and follows up on them, and he goes out of his way for you on a regular basis. These are all signs that he likes you for you.
- 3. He sings your praises:** Instead of simply telling his

friends he's dating you and leaving it at that, he gushes to them about all of your finer qualities – the ones that matter. This proves he's actually getting to know you and likes what he sees so far.

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## Jessica Simpson Calls Eric Johnson 'Perfect Addition to Our Family'



Jessica Simpson was very active on her Twitter account this



past week, wishing all of her followers a very merry Christmas, reports [RadarOnline](#). Simpson revealed that her entire family gathered at her parents' home in Encino, California for a Christmas celebration. Simpson's fiancé, football player Eric Johnson, was also there for the celebration. "Eric is the perfect addition to our family," tweeted Simpson. "I'm so grateful this holiday season!!! I hope everyone had a magical Christmas! Love you X."

**Is it important that your partner fit in with your family?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Having your family accept your partner is only half the battle. The other half is getting your family to actually like him. While some deem this effort unnecessary, having a significant other who fits in with your family makes life much easier. Here are some benefits:

- 1. Peace of mind:** When families get together, especially during the holiday season, it's nice to know that there aren't any snide or frustrated conversations occurring behind your partner's back.
  - 2. Willing favors:** While your family would never turn their back on you and your partner when the two of you are in need, they will be more likely to grant a favor with a smile on their face if they genuinely approve of your relationship.
  - 3. Frequent visits:** When your partner feels comfortable visiting your family with you, you're able to spend more time with all of the people you love.
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# Alanis Morissette Has a Baby Boy



After a May wedding, singer Alanis Morissette and rapper Mario “Souleye” Treadway are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Ever Imre Morissette-Treadway. Talk about a mouthful!

It was in August that Morissette revealed her pregnancy in *Us Weekly*’s “25 Things You Don’t Know About Me” section, listing “I am pregnant!” as the 25<sup>th</sup> item on the list. According to [Us Weekly](#), a representative confirms, “All are healthy and happy.”

**What are ways to compromise with your partner about a baby name?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

There's no doubt that naming your child is an important process between you and your partner. If you're stuck on how to make this decision, here's a couple of ways to find some middle ground:

- 1. Use both of your favorites:** Do both of you have your heart set on a different name? Use them both!
  - 2. Try different spellings:** There are various spellings to each name. Compromise by having one of you choose the name, while the other chooses the spelling.
  - 3. Make a list:** Make a list of your favorite baby names and compare your choices with your partner's. Look for names that rank high on both of your lists for the perfect resolution.
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## Cameron Diaz Gets to Know A-Rod's Kids in Mexico





It looks like there's far from trouble in paradise with Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez. The accomplished actress and Yankee's third-baseman are on vacation in Mexico with his kids Natasha and Ella. According to [RadarOnline](#), this is the second time this month that the inseperable couple have been found on the Mexican beaches. The two haven't even been together for a year, and already the four of them seem like a one happy family!

**What are ways to bond with your partner's children?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

When you're dating someone who already has children, it's extremely important that you make a connection with them. Cupid has some suggestions:

**1. Take them on a date:** Just like you and your partner go on dates to get to know each other better, you can go on a date with his kids to get closer with them. This gives you all a chance to get comfortable with each other without their father being there. Have them choose a place they like, and let the

bonding begin.

**2. Swap stories:** Make sure you're showing an interest in the children's lives. Simply asking them questions will show them that they're important to you. Then, to make them feel more comfortable with you, be sure to share stories about yourself in return.

**3. Tuck them in:** A more intimate way to bond with the kids is to be there when it's bedtime. Reading them a bedtime story and tucking them in is a very precious way to get them to feel safe with you. If you and your partner ever do get married, you're not just gaining a husband; you're gaining a family

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## 'Real Housewives of Beverly Hills' Star Taylor Armstrong Plays Slipper Fairy







Love and caring is in the air this holiday season! Even reality TV stars like *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*' Taylor Armstrong are taking part. Slipper Fairy Armstrong attended the 1736 Family Crisis Center's annual "Free Holiday Store" event in Torrance, CA, Tuesday (December 14th), and delivered 300 pairs of Dearfoams slippers for previously, severely abused mothers, and their children.

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## Jon Gosselin and Girlfriend Go Christmas Tree Shopping with Kids







Dashing through the snow, Jon Gosselin brought his new girlfriend along as he and his eight kids picked out their Christmas tree this past weekend. Despite negative criticisms earlier this year, Gosselin has seemed to settle down a bit, and he and Ross are looking forward to making the holidays this year about the kids. Although Gosselin doesn't have a huge amount of money to spend on presents for his kids this year, a source told [RadarOnline](#), "He wants to get them gifts that mean something and that tap into their interests."

**What are affordable yet romantic gifts for your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Holiday gift shopping can be stressful, especially when you're on a tight budget. Cupid has some tips:

**1. The enhanced coupon:** A coupon for a free back rub maybe too cheesy, but giving your partner his favorite movie along with a coupon for his favorite homemade dinner is personal and special. You can always make a surprise out of the back rub afterward, too!

**2. Utilize the five senses:** Pick a small gift to stimulate each of your partner's senses. For example, pick up his favorite artist's new album, one of his favorite snacks and a framed picture of the two of you. It's affordable *and* creative.

**3. Exchange promises, not presents:** Agree or vow to do something that will improve your relationship together, like setting aside one night a week devoted solely to you as a couple. It won't cost you a thing, and will keep giving all year long.

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## Garth Brooks Gives Teen Dating Advice on Oprah





As a father to three girls, country crooner Garth Brooks took time to dole out some good ol' fatherly advice to women everywhere on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*. "The truth is, it's the reflection in the mirror. That's the one. You can't lie to that voice inside of you." After confessing "the only thing better than playing music is being a dad," CMT reports that Brooks made sure to convey that he understands the pressure girls face when dating, especially when it comes to older boys. "As a junior, if you're dating a senior boy, sometimes that pushes you ahead of things you're ready to handle." **How do you avoid becoming a reflection of your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

It's easy to get caught up in keeping the peace in a relationship. However, a relationship is between two people. Here are some ways to stay true to yourself:

**1. Keep some space:** Before your partner, you had your friends. Getting swept away by love is easy, but don't forget to spend some time with the people who have always been there for you.

**2. Adjust and adapt:** Some people believe you have to change yourself to make a relationship work. Chemistry and compatibility isn't about change, but rather adjustments and compromise.

**3. Maintain self-awareness:** You know yourself best. Go with your gut if you're starting to feel like you're losing touch not only with yourself, but with the other parts of your life that make you happy.

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## Surprising Split for Ben Harper and Laura Dern







It's splitsville for another seemingly happy celebrity couple. [RadarOnline](#) reports that singer Ben Harper and *Jurassic Park* actress Laura Dern have filed for divorce. The pair dated for five years before marrying in 2005 and have two children together. The breakup is especially surprising because it comes three weeks after the Harper-Dern family traveled to Hawaii together to attend the wedding of their close friend, Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder. Vedder and model Jill McCormick married September 18, and Harper and Dern spent a week partying in Honolulu along with other celebrities like Jack Johnson and Sean Penn. The couple's reps had no comment on the split.

**What are some signs that your partner is unhappy in your relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Some relationships end so abruptly that it leaves you wondering, what happened? Cupid has some tips on how to recognize signs that your partner is unhappy:

**1. He seems distracted:** If he doesn't pay attention to you

when you talk or seems distant on dates, he may be thinking about ending it. Not fully engaging shows that he's not content in the relationship anymore.

**2. He cancels plans:** If he suddenly opts out of that cruise in the Bahamas you had been planning forever, he's not ready to take that next step with you. If he doesn't want to move forward, he's not happy with where the relationship is going.

**3. He starts fights:** Some people have a hard time showing emotion, and men often express their sadness or frustration through anger. If it seems like you're constantly bickering, he might be trying to show you that he's lost that loving feeling.

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## Paris Hilton Plays Mom to Cy Waits' Daughter





We are now seeing a softer side to the Bonnie and Clyde-like romance between heiress, Paris Hilton, and nightclub tycoon, Cy Waits. [RadarOnline](#) reports that Hilton has become a stand-in mother of sorts to Waits' seven-year-old daughter, Shea, from a previous relationship. This baby mama drama is a far cry from when Hilton and Waits made headlines in August.

Waits was arrested for drunk driving and Hilton for possession of cocaine on the same night. Perhaps this couple is turning over a new leaf! Though not officially a step-mom, Hilton previously stated, "I look after animals, so I'd have a lot to give my kids."

**Can having a connection with your partner's children make your relationship stronger?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

You can't trust just anyone to raise your child, but you must eventually trust your partner with your children if want the relationship to grow. Cupid has some things to consider:

**1. Part of the family:** When a relationship where children are

involved starts to get serious, the significant other usually becomes an honorary family member, making appearances at birthday parties and Thanksgiving. Being invited to these occasions is the first step in becoming a permanent part of a child's life.

**2. The baby connection:** Sharing the ups and downs of raising a child as couple is a great way for you to bond with both your partner and their kids. By connecting this way, you can get a feel for who your partner really is and what his or her daily life is truly like.

**3. Parenting is hard work:** Kids may seem cute at first, but don't be fooled. Nights on the couch waiting cartoons may be replacing your nights on the town if you choose to be with someone with children. Be prepared!

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## Josh Duhamel Wants To Be a Dad!







In the romantic comedy *Life As We Know It*, Josh Duhamel plays a new dad, a role he says he'd love to have in real life. According to [People](#), Josh says that getting the chance to play a father is what "initially drew me to" the role. During the New York premiere at the Ziegfeld, he opened up even more saying, that he has "always had a real fondness for kids." In terms of his wife, he says, "She'll be a great mom ... She got to meet [costar Katherine Heigl's daughter] Naleigh on set. It was great." Maybe this is a hint of what's to come for him and Fergie in the very near future!

### **How do you know if your partner is parent material?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Not everyone is as eager to be a parent as Josh Duhamel. Cupid has some ideas on how to find out whether your partner will make a good dad one day:

**1. Ask him:** The best way to determine if your mate is father material is to talk to him about it. Or, try asking him general questions like how many children he wants and at what

age. If he gives you an answer right away, he's probably considered it before and is open to the idea. If he gets a little freaked out, well that should be a clear sign that he's not quite ready.

**2. Watch and learn:** See how he behaves around your other kids. If being around children comes natural to him he'll most likely make a good daddy to his own. If he seems uncomfortable or indifferent around youngsters, it may be something you should further explore.

**3. Meet the parents:** Find out if he gets along with his parents. If he's had a bad relationship with his mom or dad, he may need to work out some issues first before he can think about becoming a parent himself.

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## David Beckham Fires Back at Tabloid for Prostitute Accusations





Soccer pro David Beckham has proven that actions speak louder than words after he officially denied prostitute accusations by suing the tabloid that published them. [PopEater](#) reports that Beckham is suing *In Touch Weekly* for featuring quotes from former call girl Irma Nici suggesting that the two slept together in 2007. The suit alleges libel, slander and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Beckham has been married to former Spice Girls singer Victoria Beckham for 11 years, and the two have three boys together, ages 11, 8, and 5.

### **If you're falsely accused of cheating, what do you do?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes someone close to you might hear or see something that gives them the wrong idea about your faithfulness. Cupid has some tips on how to clear up the situation:

**1. Ask why:** If someone started a rumor, talk to that person one-on-one to find out why. They might just be angry about something, and talking to them will help clear the air and

stop them from spreading more false rumors.

**2. Reassure him:** If you can, get your supposed cheating partner to tell your partner that the accusations are false. When he gets reassurance from both you and the other person involved, he'll be more likely to believe that nothing is going on.

**3. Show proof:** There's nothing like cold, hard evidence to prove you're telling the truth. If the rumors say you went out with your mystery boy on Friday night, but you were with your best friend the whole time, the piece of gossip is officially dead.

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## Mira Sorvino & Family 'Get Up and Go'







Balancing your personal life, family and job can be tricky, especially if you're in Hollywood. But even in the midst of shooting a movie, actress Mira Sorvino makes sure her family knows they come first. The actress told [People](#) that she only works on films with short shooting schedules, and often brings her children to set with "quilts and colored Christmas lights and art supplies and books to help make it a home away from home." Sorvino's three children and husband Christopher Backus not only kept her company on the set of her most recent film, *Like Dandelion Dust*, but became her inspiration for it.

The film tells the story of a woman trying to reclaim the child she gave up for adoption. "I have three beautiful children who I love more than anything else in the whole world, so anything having to do with your children and potentially losing them is very, very personal to me," said Sorvino. "I didn't have to do much to get to the emotional place [of my character]."

**How can you keep your spouse and kids happy at the same time?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Keeping all your relationships healthy can be tricky, but Cupid has some ideas on how to keep everyone, including yourself, happy:

**1. Make the time:** It sounds simple, but between finances, chores, personal projects and work, it's easy to forget to take the time to show your loved ones you care. Set aside at least 30 minutes per day for each person, and worry about other distractions later.

**2. Focus on your bond:** Do something with each family member that's important to both of you. Whether it's as simple as watching a show you both like, or chatting together about a shared interest, activities done together will strengthen what makes your relationship unique.

**3. Plan group time:** Your connection with you family is just as important as your individual relationships with each family member. Take the time to plan weekly events, no matter how simple – it will bring the whole family together doing something you all love.

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## Jesse James' Ex Says He Turned Their Daughter Against Her





Jesse James' awful summer got even worse recently when his ex-wife Janine Lindemulder filed a motion against him over their daughter, 6-year-old Sunny. Lindemulder, a former porn star, lost custody of her daughter last year after being jailed for tax evasion. Now, she claims that James, host of *Monster Garage* and ex-husband of Sandra Bullock, is trying to turn Sunny against her. In the filing obtained by [Us Weekly](#), Lindemulder claimed that since James moved himself and Sunny to Austin, Texas, she hasn't spoken to her daughter in seventeen days. She claims that before the move, her daughter "was distant, confrontational, disrespectful and accusatory."

James has disputed his ex's claims, saying that he has not interfered with Sunny and her mother's relationship.

"[Janine] is not stable, and acts impulsively and contradictory," said James in his response. "[She] sounds ...as if she is drinking or taking drugs again."

**How do you keep children out of a messy breakup?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Breakups are hard on everyone, especially those closest to the

pair involved. Keeping the rest of your relationships healthy is essential after a messy breakup. Cupid has some tips on how to keep children out of the heartbreak:

**1. Find an outlet:** Choose a close friend whom you can confide in, rather than saying something you'll regret to your children. You can also try a stress-relieving hobby or activity to take out your negative emotions on, so that you can avoid dumping negativity on your kids.

**2. Be honest:** Once you have gotten your negative feelings out elsewhere and are in a thoughtful place, keep your kids informed. Don't say anything you might regret, and be mindful of their ages. That way, they will be able to make their own informed decisions and opinions on the matter without feeling trapped in between you and your ex.

**3. Be watchful:** If it's still safe and healthy for your child to be around your ex, let their relationship continue. If there are any signs that your ex has become unstable or the relationship is souring, as with Lindemulder's erratic behavior, seek professional counsel and slowly transition your child out of your former flame's life.