Prince William Admits That He and Kate Want Kids





Prince William and Kate Middleton, whose wedding was a little over a year ago, finally have family planning on their minds. As <u>People</u> reported, William says both he and Middleton are eager to have kids and start building a family. However, he remained reserved about any specific plans, ignoring the rumors that his wife might already be pregnant. At the moment, the Prince has another decision on his mind, as he debates returning to the Royal Air Force or devoting his full efforts to his responsibilities as prince.

How do you know if your partner would be a good parent?

Cupid's Advice:

Having a child and starting a family takes a lot of work from both you and your partner. If you're trying to tell if your significant other would be a great parent, consider these ideas:

1. Think about how your partner acts around kids: Whether it's their relatives, people at their workplace or just kids in the neighborhood, chances are that your partner deals with children once in a while. If he or she is friendly and supportive, they'll probably be a great parent. If kids seem to annoy them, you might want to reconsider your plans.

2. Try a pet: Animals are less responsibility than children, but caring for them still takes a lot of work. Taking care of a pet can strengthen your relationship and is a great way to practice being a parent. If your partner treats your pet with love and compassion, the odds are good that they'll treat your child the same way.

3. Talk about it: Sure, it seems obvious, but having kids is a decision you and your partner need to make together. He or she probably has a very good sense of whether they'd make a good parent, so ask what they think. Discussing this sooner rather than later can give you a better idea of where your relationship is headed, and will help build the openness and communication that all relationships need.

How do you know if your partner is ready to be a parent? Tell us below.

Will Smith Says Family Is All

About Love and Communication





Will Smith said that thanks to his relationship with his family, he feels "so good it's a damn shame," according to <u>YourTango</u>. Smith's entire family—wife Jada Pinkett Smith, son Jaden Smith, and daughter Willow Smith—are in show business, and Smith helps them by producing their projects. He always dreamed of building a family where everyone would talk and work together, and now the Smith household is all about communication and learning lessons as a family. Though Smith noted that they don't always get everything right and they still have a lot of learning to do, he said, "It's wonderful to be with the people you love."

How do you ensure that your family remains bonded?

Cupid's Advice:

You can choose your friends and you can choose your <u>partner</u>, but you can't choose your family. Your relatives can often be the most important people in your life, but getting along with them is sometimes difficult. However, there's a lot of ways you can keep your family ties strong. Cupid has some tips:

1. Take time to talk: Like Smith says, communication is key to building a strong and happy family. Though modern families often live largely separate lives, try to take time to share things like the events of your day, your problems, and your thoughts on issues that matter to you. You'll find that knowing a little more about what's going on in your family members' lives will bring you all closer.

2. Do things together: Chances are that everyone in your family has their own busy schedules. It's also likely that they all have different interests. Though the Smiths are always busy with their careers, Will Smith still enjoys getting the whole family together for breakfast. Spending even a small amount of time doing things like sharing meals, playing games, and going on daytrips together are all great ways to strengthen your family's bonds by giving you something to connect over.

3. Let your family have some space: Too much togetherness can lead to an excessive amount of control. Remember that everyone in your family is a unique person who deserves chances to make their own decisions. Smith lets his children express themselves: though he didn't think Willow should have cut her hair short, he respected her rights to her own body. Ensuring everyone gets to do what they want, at least once in a while, will keep resentment from breaking apart your family bonds.

How do you keep your family together? Tell us below.

Rosie Pope Welcomes a Baby Girl on Mother's Day





Pregnant in Heels star, Rosie Pope, announced welcoming her third child via Twitter on Mother's Day. Pope and husband, Daron Pope, both took part in tweeting updates during labor. The two are already parents to two boys, J.R., 3, and Wellington, 15 months. According to <u>Us Magazine</u>, Pope was surprised to add a baby girl to the family. "I'm so shocked! Honestly, I thought we were going to have boys," said Pope.

What are advantages to having your child on a holiday?

Cupid's Advice:

Any birth date is a celebration, but when your baby is born on a holiday, it's double the fun. Here are some advantages to having your child on a holiday:

1. Guaranteed theme: When your child is born on a holiday, there is no need to figure out what his/her birthday party theme should be. Halloween birthday? Here's to cake and candy corn.

2. No need for multiple parties: A birthday party and a holiday celebration will keep all the stress of a party constricted to one day.

3. Money saver: If your child's birthday lands on a holiday that calls for <u>gift</u> giving, you're in luck. No need to buy double the presents, although you may want to splurge a little more than you were planning on for just one of the two occasions.

What are some advantages to having a baby on a holiday? Share your comments below.

Ben Affleck Calls Jennifer Garner a 'World Class Mom'





Ben Affleck took to social media to wish his wife, Jennifer Garner, a happy Mother's Day. Affleck, 39, posted a video on his Facebook page advocating for women raising children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, reports <u>People</u>. Affleck founded a nonprofit, the Eastern Congo Initiative, in 2010, and is almost as dedicated to the charity as he is to his family. "I want to say Happy Mother's Day to the moms in my life: my mom Chris and my amazing wife Jennifer, who is an incredible, spectacular, world-class mom," said Affleck in the video. "[Being a mother is] the hardest job that there is, every single day."

What are some ways to thank your partner for being a good parent?

Cupid's Advice:

Though Mother's Day has passed, there are still plenty of opportunities to show appreciation for your partner's good parenting. Here are a few ideas:

1. Spa day: Parenting can often be very stressful, so try

rewarding your partner with a gift certificate for a day at the spa. Your partner will come home feeling relaxed and grateful.

2. Take turns: If your partner provides most of the childcare on a day-to-day basis, try switching it up. When possible, take the kids for a day, and let your partner enjoy their newly found free time.

3. Enlist the children's' help: Being a parent is often a reward in itself. Enlist your children to make a heartfelt card or art project for your partner. Your partner will appreciate the gift, and your kids will have fun making it.

How do you thank your partner for their parenting skills? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Top 3 Reasons Celebrities Seek Therapy





By Dr. Fran Walfish

Many of us aspire to live the glamourous life of a celebrity. When captured on camera, they almost always look happy, healthy, wealthy and full of life. As the leading Beverly Hills psychotherapist, I am here to tell you that everyone's problems are the same. Yours, mine and those of the rich and famous all have common threads. It's true that when you have money, the worries about how to make the rent and pay bills are eliminated, but they are replaced with panic about where your next hit will come from and how to remain in your lifestyle. Here are the top three issues for which celebrities seek therapy:

1. Communication problems.

Just like you and I, no one is perfect ... not even celebrities. I teach my patients first to accept their own flaws. We must be kind and non-judgmental to ourselves if we ever hope to accept our companions, spouses and children. When communication (taking turns talking and listening without judgment) breaks down with defensive arguing, criticisms or interrupting, it causes a crack in the foundation of the romantic relationship. Distance between partners can emerge and begin a life of separateness, secrecy, cheating and divorce.

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2. Parenting issues.

I have treated hundreds of children of celebrities. The most common reason is to help parents identify, implement and follow-through on boundaries. Contrary to public belief, this is not more challenging because of affluence and privilege. I was on clinical staff for 15 years at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where I treated underprivileged and underserved families. The issues were the same as in 90210. It is simply hard for parents to say "no" to their beloved kids. It's even harder when kids have parents with work, charity, and a variety of other commitments that fill their calendars. Parents feel guilty about not being available to their children, and when they are there, they don't want to fight. They take the easier road by saying "yes."

3. Controlling personalities.

The old saying that 'opposites attract' holds true in the way that we are drawn to our partners. For most couples, there's usually one dominant and one passive partner. Individuals fall anywhere within a spectrum from mild to extreme. An extreme example is a 90210 couple in which the husband controlled all of their money. The wife never had her name on their mutual checks, nor was she allowed to have a housekeeper. The couples therapy involved slow-motion step-by-step exploration of the source and meaning of the husband's control. It took long, hard work to chip away at his defenses and help him let go of some of his rigidities.

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The bottom line is that when there are two people in a relationship, things must feel good (enough) to both partners. Here are my top 10 tips:

1. Always be curious and open enough to look within and become more self-aware.

2. Be kind and nice to your partner, spouse, and child(ren).

3. Do not strive for perfection. Be "good enough."

4. Don't get caught in power struggles.

5. Never engage in negotiations, bargaining, or deal making.

6. Balance nurturing with setting and holding boundaries.

7. Listen when dealing with conflicts. Reflect out loud what you hear the other person feeling and needing.

8. Encourage healthy expression of all emotions, including anger.

9. Nurture the relationship by having quality one-on-one time, date night, and daily talk time at least once a week. The foundation of your family is built upon the bricks and mortar of your marital relationship.

10. Shield your children from hearing Mom and Dad fight. It raises their anxiety.

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Jessica Simpson Says 'Motherhood Is the Best Thing I've Ever Experienced'





Singer and Fashion Star judge, Jessica Simpson, 31, took to Twitter to proclaim her love for her new addition, Maxwell Drew. "I want to cry every time I look at her. Motherhood is by far the best thing I've ever experienced," said Simpson. According to <u>People</u>, the <u>new mom</u> isn't the only one in love with Maxwell Drew, as grandfather Joe Simpson and aunt Ashlee Simpson can't get enough of her.

What are some ways to prepare your relationship for kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Every relationship has milestones and having a baby may be the biggest one. Here are some ways to prepare for kids:

1. Pep talk: The two of you are a team. Sit and talk to your partner about how you're going to set rules and discipline your child together.

2. Fears: What are your fears or your partner's fears about adding a new member to the family? This is the time to be honest before the baby comes.

3. Expectations: Make sure you discuss finances and delegate chores that will make both of you happy when the baby arrives.

How have you prepared your relationship for kids? Share your comments below.

Best Celebrity Moms (Who Also Make Great Wives)





By Che Blackwood

Making a relationship work is hard. Throw in full-time jobs, opposing schedules and nosey families, and it can be darn near impossible to find the time you need to make it work. Now, add children to the mix, and some might begin to assume you're attempting to commit partnership suicide. Any woman that has the privilege of being called Mom, or even those who've tried their hand at babysitting, knows that after making macaroni necklaces and finishing science projects, there isn't much time left at the end of the day to dedicate to yourself, let alone your partner. Fortunately, it is possible to fulfill your parental duties and keep your mate happy without completely sacrificing your sanity, shower time or friendships. While it may sound like an urban legend, these celebrity moms have found a way to make juggling kids, love and inner happiness look somewhat easy:

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1. Victoria Beckham: This former Spice Girl ditched her Poshlike alter ego for a life of domesticity after marrying sexy soccer player David Beckham in 1999. Four kids later, Mrs. Beckham can be found naming handbags from her clothing line after daughter Harper and taking her sons to FAO Schwartz. While it's obvious that Beckham is a <u>fun mom</u>, she's also a stunning wife. Low-cut dresses and six inch heels keep this mama looking hot and since their last child isn't even a year old yet, it's obvious that after thirteen years, her style has kept her husband interested.

2. Gwenyth Paltrow: Paltrow makes sure her children, Apple and Moses, think she rocks by taking them to see their dad, Coldplay's Chris Martin, in concert as often as possible. On top of raising her children amongst some of music's biggest legends, she's also made a career out of mommy-blogging, dishing on the most kid-friendly restaurants and best toys. However, this celeb doesn't pretend that being a wife and mom is easy. She's reported that the pressure has caused trouble in her relationship, but in the end, commitment wins out. The actress reminds us that love can't overcome everything, but that the willingness to try sure can. Her devotion to her family makes her one of the coolest moms we know.

3. Jennifer Garner: Garner is the epitome of a laid back mommy. Regardless of her Hollywood status, Mrs. Affleck walks her children to school every day, is frequently spotted bringing her two daughters to the park and focuses on each of her children's individual interests. The actress is so humble that she had no problem dishing in an interview that her eldest daughter, 5-year-old Violet, called her fat. While a great attitude makes for a great mom, her bouncy personality has made her a great wife to actor Ben Affleck as well. In fact, he admitted publically that his wife's unique demeanor leaves him happier and more at ease than he ever thought possible. With their first son having been born a month ago, let's hope Garner can continue to keep this growing family happy.

4. Nicole Richie: This former party girl ditched her crazy habits when she married rocker Joel Madden, but she didn't walk away from her almost natural ability to be hip. As a fashion designer, Richie has named a number of her companies after daughter Harlow. She's also performed on stage with her children's favorite show, Yo Gabba Gabba, and can be spotted bringing Harlow ice cream at ballet class and taking son Sparrow to the beaches of Malibu. With such a rocky past, Richie seems to genuinely appreciate and cherish every moment of motherhood. However, she hasn't forgotten the needs of her husband. The lovebirds continue to make time for each other, recently visiting Coachella, enjoying intimate date nights and making it a point to actively raise their children together.

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5. Jessica Alba: This Hollywood actress went public about the

pressure of raising a baby in the public eye after giving birth to her first daughter, Honor, After the birth of her second daughter, Haven, she's grown more accustomed to life in the limelight. Never photographed without her children, Alba manages to keep their lives as private as possible without sacrificing their time together. Ransacking her house, she has made her life kid-friendly by adding education into everything she does. Alba admits that raising children is hard, but by taking the pressure off of herself, this Bohemian beauty has turned into a baby-raising bombshell. She and husband Cash Warren have also taken the pressure out of their relationship by taking the time to hang out alone. Whether stealing a weekend away in New York City or sneaking in a day at the beach together, Alba has made it a point to keep her relationship fresh; and it appears to us that Warren couldn't be happier!

What other celebrity moms do you think should be on our list? Share your comments below.

Carrie Underwood Says She's Not Ready to Start a Family





<u>Carrie Underwood</u> isn't feeling pressured by Hollywood. The <u>newlywed</u> country singer says she has no immediate plans to start a family with husband <u>Mike Fisher</u>, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "We're good [without kids]. I'm super busy and he is super busy. We are still newlyweds," said Underwood backstage at <u>American Idol</u> on Thursday. "I honestly think that if we brought a kid into it would mess things up right now! We're good right now!"

How do you know when you and your mate are ready to have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Choosing to start a family is a difficult decision to make, especially when you're happy with the status quo. Here are a few suggestions as to when to start a family:

1. You want a family: If you find yourself eyeing babies you see at a local park or going gaga over your neighbor's daughter, it might be time for you to start thinking about a family of your own.

2. Financially secure: Even if you and your partner feel

emotionally ready for a child, you still need to be sure that you're completely prepared. Make sure that you have enough money set aside for child care and, eventually, college tuition.

3. Don't feel pressure: Don't feel pressured to start a family by your friends or by a supposed biological clock. With modern medicine and in vitro fertilization, it's possible to have children much later in life. It's okay to wait.

How did you know when you were ready to have kids? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Hollywood Couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Visit Legoland with Kids





Newly engaged Hollywood couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were spotted at U.K's Legoland with their children. According to *People*, Pitt and Jolie were "very much in love. And a really happy family." In past visits, Jolie took the children to Legoland on her own, but this time, her celebrity love was happy to tag along. After Legoland, the family visited a petting zoo, Odds Farm.

This Hollywood couple found a way to still be romantic while on a vacation with the family. What are some creative outings that can still be enjoyed by the parents?

Cupid's Advice:

It's great to have romantic dates minus the kids, but sometimes, it can be difficult to pull off. Taking a cue from this Hollywood couple, there's a way to focus on your relationship and love and also be together as a family. Here are some love advice for date ideas that the whole family can enjoy:

1. A day in the park: The outdoors are the perfect place for your kids to let loose while you and your partner cuddle in the grass. Pull out a basket and make lunch a romantic picnic.

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2. Beach love: At the beach, your kids can build sand castles and get their feet wet at the shore. At the same time, you and your sweetie can soak up some sun.

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3. Rainy day fun: Every kid loves to play in the rain! Let your kids get muddy while you and your partner dance in the rain.

What family outings have you and your partner been on? Share your comments below.

Source Says Michelle Williams' Daughter 'Loves' Jason Segel





Despite some his more humorous roles, according to sources and <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Jason Segel is "ready to be a grown-up." As he and Michelle William's relationship goes more public, this is undoubtedly a good thing. Williams isn't the only one enamored with the comedian-actor, as her daughter "loves Jason" and Jason Segel definitely knows how to "entertain children." Having your partner's kids like you, is definitely a good step toward a more serious relationship.

What are some ways to bond with your partner's kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you start to get serious with a partner who has kids, it's crucial to start bonding with them too. Cupid shares some advice:

1. Ask them about themselves: Kids like to talk just like anyone, so ask them about their interests and get to know them.

2. Do what they want to do: Take them to the park, the mall or a concert. Do the things they want to do, and further build

that relationship.

3. Be good to your partner: It might seem obvious, but be good to these kids' parent. They like when their parent is happy, and will automatically respect someone who can make that happen.

What do you do to bond with your partner's kids? Share your comments below.

How Did Beyonce Prepare for Her Daughter's Birth?





Beyonce, recently named the Most Beautiful Woman, may have

only given birth to her baby girl Blue Ivy a few months ago, but she's already shedding the baby weight . Before the diva went to the hospital for the one of the biggest debuts of her life, she got ready for her performance with a fresh mani-pedi and an eye brow wax, but she says that when the moment came, all she and her husband Jay-Z cared about was the birth of their miracle. After their new baby girl came into the world, the singer was ready to bounce back, and she began a strict diet and workout schedule. "I'm proud that my waist came back so fast. I'm proud of that and happy, but that was mostly from the breastfeeding," the singer explained to <u>People</u>. "I lost most of my weight from breastfeeding and I encourage women to do it; It's just so good for the baby and good for yourself."

What are some ways to prepare your body for birth?

Cupid's Advice:

Painting the baby's room and baby-proofing the house are all important, but what's more important is preparing your own body for the birth of your child. You'll be glad you did so you're more prepared for labor, and it will be easier for you to shed the pounds after. Cupid has some tips:

1. Give up bad habits: There's no sense in taking the slightest risk when it comes to your baby's health, so throw out the cigarettes and remove the alcohol from your home. Avoid going to places like bars where you'll be inhaling toxins that are bad for you and your growing baby.

2. Eat right: It's important to maintain a wholesome nutritious <u>diet</u> and ditch the fast food burgers. You're going to want to get a good daily intake of a variety of proteins, vegetables, fruits and grains. Trying organic food to avoid any toxins and pesticides is also a good idea, but feel free to indulge your cravings once in a while.

3. Stay fit: Exercise will help you in a variety of ways. It

will help you stay fit, which will also give you good circulation, reduce stress, and give you endorphines to make you happy. Exercising regularly will also make you tired at the end of a long day and a good night's sleep will rest and rejuvenate your body.

How did you shake your baby weight? Share your comments below.

Sarah Michelle Gellar Is Pregnant





Hollywood couple, Sarah Michelle Gellar, 35, and Freddie

Prinze Jr., 36, are going to be parents again. Gellar is pregnant with their second child. According to <u>People</u>, Gellar and Prinze took their time to have 2 -year-old daughter, Charlotte Grace and are thrilled to be extending their family. On planning a family Gellar said, "You need to be at a point in your life where you can give up anything and everything for a child." Congratulations Sarah and Freddie!

How do you prepare for your second child differently than your first?

Cupid's Advice:

There is nothing like becoming a parent the first time around, but how do you prepare for when it's time to extend your family? Here are some tips when preparing your family for a new edition:

1. Prepare your child: Preparing for a second child involves more than just stocking up on diapers, talk to your first child about becoming a big brother/sister.

2. Prepare your finances: Having one child is expensive and having another will only make your budget tighter. Figure out your money situation and get your savings account in order.

3. Prepare your village: It takes a village to raise a child and in your case, two children. Figure out your new busy schedule and gather support from family and friends.

How did you prepare differently for your second child? Share your comments below:

Melissa Joan Hart Is Expecting Third Child





Melissa Joan Hart, 35, has a lot to celebrate. The *Melissa & Joey* star is turning 36 and she's pregnant with her third child. Hart and her husband, Mark Wilkerson, are excited about adding to their family of two sons, Braydon Hart, 4, and Mason Walter, 6. Accoriding to *People*, Hart knew she wanted more children back in 2009. Are they rooting for a girl? Hart said, "It's not necessarily that I want girls. It's because I just know I want more babies." Congratulations Melissa and Mark!

How do you decide how many children to have?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding to start a family is a huge decision and size matters. Here are some ways to decide on just how big your family should be:

1. Be selfish: It's okay to want a small amount of children or a whole baseball team. Take time out to decide what you want. In the end, it's your body and your decision.

2. It takes two: You're not the only one making the babies. Talk to your partner about how big you want your family to be. Things don't always work out the way they are planned, but being on the same page with your partner helps ease whatever surprises may come along.

3. Talk to the kids: If you already have children, adding another child is going to be a big change for the existing kids. Take time out to talk to your kids about becoming big brothers or big sisters. After all, they're apart of the family too.

How did you decide how many children to have? Share your comments below.

Melissa Etheridge and Ex Tammy Lynn Fight Over Money





Melissa Etheridge and Tammy Lynn Michael's divorce battle is still ongoing. Michaels recently requested for a bump in child support payments, reports <u>E! Online</u>. Etheridge, 50, replied to the request with 100-plus pages of custody-related documents. In the documents, Etheridge claims that Michaels is "angry and vindictive" and sees herself as their twins' "primary parent and as the person who should control their time." A hearing for this latest conflict is scheduled for May 22nd.

What are some ways to keep money from coming between you as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with money and day-to-day aspects of life can sometimes put a damper on your relationship. Here are a few ways to keep money from coming between you:

1. Humility: Chances are, you and your partner have different salaries. You may earn a significant amount more than your partner, or vice versa. If this is the case, remember to

remain supportive and humble. Don't brag about your earnings or be jealous of your partner's earnings.

2. Equal contribution: If you and your partner have been together for a long while, you should both contribute to your living expenses. Try to split the costs as evenly as possible to minimize any conflict.

3. Pre-nup: If you and your partner are hoping to be married, consider a prenuptial agreement. With the agreement, you and your partner can keep your financial assets separate. In the unfortunate event of a divorce, the divorce proceedings will be made much simpler.

How do you and your partner handle money and spending? Feel free to leave a comment below.

LeAnn Rimes Dotes on Eddie Cibrian's Kids at Easter Dinner





LeAnn Rimes celebrated Easter in Venice, CA with hubby, Eddie Cibrian, and his two boys. According to <u>People</u>, the couple looking adorable together as Rimes doted on Cibrian's two sons. In celebration of the Easter holiday, the happy family dined at the trendy Gjelina eatery.

What are some ways to gain the trust of your stepchildren?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to getting close to stepchildren, it can be a very rocky road. While you are a parental figure, you're not actually a parent, which can leave a lot of uncertainty about the relationship. It's a difficult game, but if you play your cards right, you can form an excellent bond with your stepchildren:

1. Don't step on any toes: Make it clear from the beginning that though you are there for them, you're not trying to replace their parents.

2. Be patient: It takes time for children to adjust to change. Just because they don't warm up to you right away, doesn't

mean they never will.

3. Remain open: Sometimes you may need to wait for the kids to open up to you on their own terms. Let them know you are there for them and are interested in getting to know them, take a step back, and wait for them to come to you.

Can stepparents form the same bond with their stepchildren as their biological parents? Share your thoughts below.

Is Brad Pitt's Son Maddox Crushing on Celebrity Ex Jennifer Aniston?





It looks like <u>Angelina Jolie</u> may be having a case of the celebrity exes. Jolie's 10-year-old son Maddox has reportedly developed a crush on Brad Pitt's celebrity ex <u>Jennifer</u> <u>Aniston</u>, the <u>Enquirer</u> reported. Sources say that Maddox's fascination began after he and his nanny watched <u>Marley & Me</u> and has since caused the youngster to put posters of Aniston on his bedroom walls. "Maddox is infatuated with Jennifer, and Angelina is fuming," a close source told the tabloid. "Maddox simply likes Jen's sweet face and look."

With her child's room filled with pictures of Pitt's celebrity ex, Jolie can't seem to get away from her. What do you do if you can't avoid hearing about your partner's exes?

Cupid's Advice:

As if working at the same company with your partner's former flame isn't awkward enough, can you imagine having posters of your husband's celebrity ex in your house? Having to constantly hear about an ex can make for an uncomfortable situation. Here is some relationship advice to help you in that situation:

1. Don't let them see you sweat: It's no secret that hearing people say that your mate and their ex were the picture perfect couple is uncomfortable. As annoying as that may be, you can't let talk of old relationships and love get to you.

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2. Be confident: While people may constantly compare you to your arch nemesis, remember who you are. Hold your head high, put on two coats of mascara, and keep smiling.

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3. Ignore it: People will always have something to say, and unfortunately, it's inevitable. But at the end of the day, all that really matters is how you and your love feel about each other.

How did you combat hearing about your partner's ex all the time? Share your experiences below.

Find Out Why Chloe Moretz

Isn't Dating





In actress Chloe Moretz's upcoming film, *Hick*, she runs away from her abusive parents, but her real life family is far from that in the movie. Not only are her parents very involved, so are her big brothers, and she blames them for her nonexistent love life. "Because of my four older brothers, it just doesn't go down," she said according to *People*. "I had a lot of friends and guys that I think are cute and stuff, but it doesn't really work out with the family and all. My family's a bit too big and a bit too abrasive." As for now, the 15year-old star spends her time playing video games instead of dreaming about boys.

How do you keep your family from hindering your dating life?

Cupid's Advice:

Your family can have a lot of influence on your life, but they shouldn't have the final say on your dating life. Cupid has some tips to help you balance the situation:

1. Be discrete: When you're young, boyfriends and girlfriends seem to be more like a trend than anything long term, so unless it's serious, keep it under wraps. What your family doesn't know won't always hurt them, and it leaves a lot less interrogating for you.

2. Understanding: When you hit a certain age, there's a time when you and your parents need to have a talk about loosening the reins. If you let your parents, they would keep you under tight watch forever, especially of you're a girl, so come to an agreement about getting more freedom, but still respecting their rules.

3. Approval: Having your parents's approval of the person you're dating is the easiest way for the dating experience to go smoother. If they like the person you're seeing, they're more likely to let you see them more often without a hassle.

How do you keep your family from messing with your dating life? Share your comments below.

Peter Facinelli Speaks Out About Split with Jennie Garth





Twilight star, Peter Facinelli, opened up to Kelly Ripa about his divorce with Jennie Garth on Wednesday's Live! with Kelly. According to People, Facinelli told Ripa that Garth will always be in his life. He's right about that, as the couple are parents to three daughters: Luca, 14, Lola, 9 and Fiona, 5. Facinelli said that he and Garth are trying to stay out of the limelight for the sake of their little ones. "We're very dedicated to being great parents," he said.

How do you make a divorce drama-less for your children?

Cupid's Advice:

Divorces can get nasty, but it's important to protect you and your ex's greatest asset-your children. Here are some ways to get through your breakup without your kids having to deal with the drama:

1. Keep it between grown-ups: There is no need to let your children in on every little detail of the divorce. Keep kids out of grown-up business.

2. Don't ask them to take sides: Pinning your children against

your ex will only backfire. Keep them happy by respecting your ex around them.

3. Talk it out: It's a good idea to ask your children about their feelings regarding the divorce. Divorce means change, and it's important to take the time to validate your kids' emotions.

How have you made your divorce drama-free for your children? Share your comments below.

Elisabeth Röhm Explains Why Family Dinners Are Important





Law & Order actress Elisabeth Röhm took to her People blog week this to explain the importance of familv dinners. Röhm came into contact with cookbook author Ellamarie Fortenbach and learned aout the importance of eating dinner as The actress and her 3-year-old daughter, Easton a family. August, participated in the production of Fortenbach's "Cooking together and finding a connection through cookbook. mealtime has been important and a challenge for our family," said Röhm in her blog. "Cooking together and then eating that meal is truly nurturing!"

What are some reasons it's important to eat meals as a family?

Cupid's Advice:

Though it can be difficult to coordinate schedules, eating meals as a family is still a valued tradition. Here are a few reasons why it's important:

1. Catch up: Mealtimes are an opportunity to share with your family the things that have been on your mind during the day. Your children can voice their worries about school and their friends while you can chip in with stories from work or around the house.

2. Good for children: Children who have meals with their families are statistically proven to do better in school. Bonding time at the dinner table is important for developing minds.

3. Unity: A family that eats together is undoubtedly stronger as a unit than one who does not. It's important to find time for your family despite your busy lives.

Do you eat dinner as a family? What do you like about it? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Ashlee Simpson Says There's "Plenty of Time" Before Jessica Simpson's Birth





Though her sister Jessica Simpson is very much pregnant and ready to become a mom, Ashlee Simpson had no worries she's miss the birth when attending an event in Australia recently. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Simpson brushed off concerns, saying, "I have plenty of time and I'm going home [today] so it will be fine." Jessica Simpson was heard saying that she still had "a month to go" so Ashlee will definitely be in attendance at the birth of her sister's first child. How do you decide who you want with you when you give birth?

Cupid's Advice:

It's not always clear who should be with you in that hospital room when it's finally time for the baby's arrival. Cupid has some advice:

 Focus: During childbirth you'll want all the focus on you. Make sure to choose people who are able to focus on you entirely during the birth as support. Perhaps choose a sibling or parent.

2. Coach: Just because you want your partner there doesn't mean you have to have them there as your coach during the birth. Have someone else important to you take on that role if your sweetheart isn't quite ready to be around the action.

3. Friends/family: Beyond having a coach and your partner there during the birth, you may want some other people present during the birth such as your mother. Have them there for a reason though, as childbirth is not a show and they should know they're there as a support team.

How did you decide who you wanted present during birth? Let us know in a comment below.

Jim Toth Steps Up as Stepdad to Reese Witherspoon's Kids





Reese Witherspoon has found a stand up guy to be her husband! Jim Toth has definitely shown himself to be parent material, which is a good thing since the couple is expecting a child together. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Toth wasn't "sure about having kids" when they first began dating in 2010, but warmed up to the idea once he got to know Witherspoon's two children. Toth is all about family now and the couple are "big family people."

What are some important things to remember when you marry someone with kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it can be difficult adjusting to a new parent. Cupid shares some things to consider when you marry someone who already has children: 1. Blending families: It's important to remember that even though you're becoming a part of a family and thus creating a new one with your partner, these kids may already have a parent and may not be immediately receptive to your new role.

2. Do you like kids?: Don't marry into a family with children if you don't like children. Simple as that. It's not any easier raising a child that is not biologically yours, so make sure you're ready to be a parent.

3. Lifestyle: Make sure you're ready to change your lifestyle. While dating someone with kids, you may not have experienced many changes socially; however, once you have the role of step parent, you have to become a role-model.

What did you think about before becoming a step-parent? Share your thoughts below.

Jennie Garth Says She and Peter Facinelli Are 'Great Parents Together'





Jennie Garth and Peter Facinelli have tried to make their divorce as painless as possible for their three daughters Luca, Lola, and Fiona. "We are great parents together, so when it's about the kids, it's wonderful," said Garth, according to <u>People</u>. Having discussed the couple's divorce with the kids, they are all on the same page and understand what is happening, without feeling the need to choose sides. Garth and Facinelli want nothing more for their family to be happy and healthy. The former <u>90210</u> actress is even considering moving back to Los Angeles so that the girls have more access to their dad.

How do you remain united in parenting after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're in the middle of a divorce, it's also very difficult for your children. Here are some ways you can work together to be good parents, even when separated:

1. Make a schedule: Now that you aren't living together anymore, it's difficult to collaborate your schedules.

Therefore, set certain days and times where you each want to spend time with the kids so there are no arguments or confusion.

2. Talk to your children: A good parent will talk to their kids about what is going on and get their feedback. Ask them how they feel and how they want to spend their time with each parent.

3. Share Holidays: The most stressful times are when it comes to holidays. Your kids don't want to have to choose how they will spend the best times of the year. Try sharing these important dates, for the kids.

What do you think are ways to remain good parents while being separated? Share your ideas below.

Bruce Willis and Emma Heming Welcome a Baby Daughter





It's official! Bruce Willis and his wife of three years, Emma Heming, have welcomed the newest addition to their family, daughter Mabel Ray Willis. Mabel joins three half-sisters, Rumer, 23, Scout, 20, and Tallulah, 18, who Willis had with ex-wife Demi Moore, according to <u>People</u>. The Die Hard actor and designer-model, according to their rep, "are overjoyed about the newest member of their family. Both mother and baby are healthy and doing beautifully."

What are some ways to prepare your existing family for an infant addition?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're getting ready to welcome a new addition to your family, it's important to prepare certain things. Cupid has some tips:

1. Prepare your other children: Keep your kids up to date about the pregnancy and what it will be like when you bring the baby home. Have them help get the nursery ready and offer baby names. The more involved the feel, the more accepting they'll be of the situation.

2. Get your finances in order: Another child means one more mouth to feed and one more body to clothe. Kids are by no means inexpensive, so it's important to make sure you're getting your finances in tip top shape before having a baby.

3. Prepare yourselves: If you already have kids, another child in the mix means you'll be all the more busy and worn out. Make sure you're staying in shape and taking care of yourself as you prepare to welcome another addition to your family.

How did you prepare your family for an additional child? Share your tips below.

Fergie Says She Doesn't Want Kids with Josh Duhamel Yet





Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie is enjoying her time off with her husband, actor Josh Duhamel, after being on the road eight years touring with her group the Black Eyed Peas. "We like each other. We like hanging out together and we have fun," Fergie told MTV News. "We have fun in the kitchen cooking and singing silly songs. Not to give too much away — I'm not going any further than that — but we have a good time together, and it's nice to get to have that quality time. We enjoy it." Though they recently celebrated their three-year anniversary, don't expect the Hollywood duo to make a pregnancy announcement anytime soon. "It's not happening yet, I can tell you that definitely," the singer says. "But we want to have a family, so that's in the cards, but it's just not this second."

How do you know when it's time to start having children?

Cupid's Advice:

Having kids is usually the next step to take after marriage. Here's how to determine when you and your spouse should start planning for your new addition to the family: 1. Live like newlyweds for a while: Enjoy your time with your spouse for a little while before having kids. The first few years of your marriage are when you and your lover can take advantage of spoiling each other with "just because" gifts and enjoy your time together taking romantic vacations.

2. You've done what you wanted to do: For some people, their life truly begins when they have kids, but if you're the type of person that wants to live a little before having children, then be a little selfish and cross some things off of your bucket list.

3. You're ready to expand your family: After treating your puppy as though it's your own kid and both you and your spouse still feel like something is missing in your life, then it may be time to start planning for a family.

How did you know when it was time to have kids? Share your experiences below.