HOT TOPIC
Working Full-Time

Katy parents discuss their opinions about working moms vs. stay-at-home moms

YES!

Single Mom
"I work full-time outside of the home because I am a single mom and have to support my family. I do support this because I think kids need to interact with other kids and adults so they learn how to be in a group environment. This also prepares them for when they go to school." - *C.M.*

Reversed Roles
"I think that a mom working full-time is totally okay. If there is a stay-at-home dad, even better. Just because the roles are reversed doesn't mean it doesn't work. I've had the privilege of experiencing both. Either way, if kids are being provided for and loved, it doesn't matter." - *J.D.*

Old-Fashioned
"One of my daughters is recently divorced and has two boys so she has to work at an office. My other daughter is married and works from home. I understand why someone would want to stay home to raise their kids, though." - *M.M.*

Creates a Bond
"I definitely agree with a mom working full-time away from the home. I am one. My son is 16 months old, and I am a market analyst in the oil and gas industry. My husband is a teacher, and we require a two-income household in order to give our child a solid community and the opportunity to have a great education in Katy ISD. While a dual-income household helps us afford these necessities, it's not the only reason that I work - despite being a big part of it." - *L.J.*

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NO!

Don't Want to Miss Anything
"I never imagined that I would be a stay-at-home mom, after all I have a master's degree in engineering. After having my first baby, all that changed. I knew that I wanted to spend as much time with her as I could because I didn't want to miss a minute of her life. Just because I'm at home doesn't mean I'm not working, though. Taking care of children is a full-time job, and people need to start realizing that. I may not get paid in the form of cash, but I get paid in hugs and kisses and that is okay with me." - *C.L.*

Some Things Are More Important
"My mom worked full-time in an office that wasn't very close to our home and I didn't get to see her as much as I would have liked when I was younger. The older I got, the more I could see how unhappy she was in this situation. I didn't want that for myself or my family. Before I even had my first child, I decided that I was going to work from home. I'm happy that I get to spend time with my kids and still maintain a form of employment through having my own business from home." - *S.B.*

Family Comes First
"I know that a lot of women are offended by moms who choose to stay at home with their children because it is such an outdated way of thinking and living. There are so many jobs that can be done from home now, that if it's possible for women to do so, why not spend as much time as possible with your children? Family always comes first for me, and my job that allows me to work from home gives me the freedom to take care of my family the way I want to." - *L.D.*

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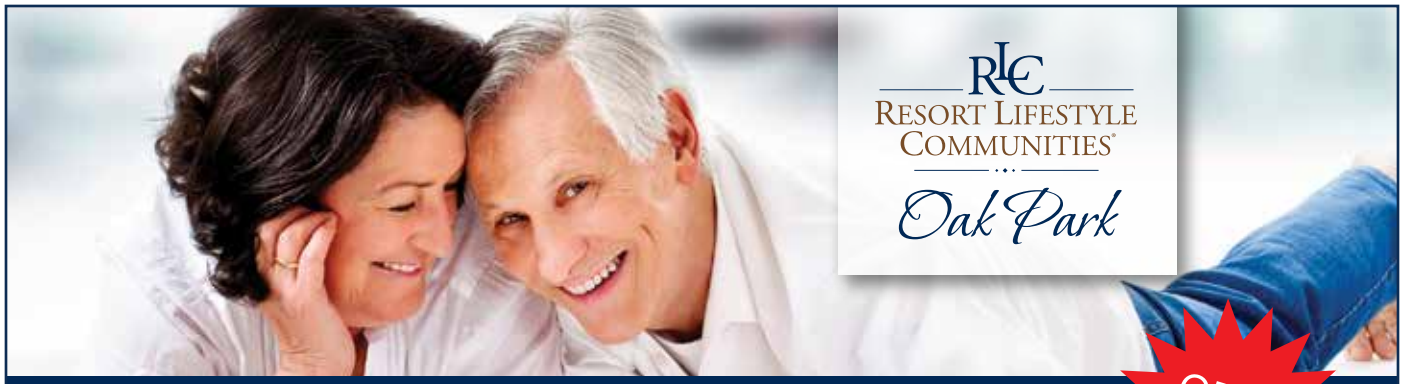

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