



"My ex-husband and I split up in March of 1998, after he told me he wanted to live the gay lifestyle. I had a newborn and a 2-year-old and was a stay-at-home mom. I wasn't sure what I was supposed to do. I thought I was the only one. I was glad to find others who I could relate to and share our situations."

Divorce Tips

- ♥ Trust your instincts when choosing a lawyer, it's important to feel comfortable (also free legal help is available through your local attorney general's office, although this process can be lengthy).
- ♥ Have your lawyer set up a withholding order to garnish his paycheck to insure timely checks.
- ♥ Obtain a copy of your joint credit report and write each credit agency to have them remove you as a signer on the account so that when the divorce is final you will not be liable for the debt.
- ♥ Take the money and run; you and your children are going to need this money to live on.
- ♥ Keep a journal of problems with your ex. Is he late picking up or dropping off the kids? Is visitation sporadic? Does he pay you on time or reimburse you for certain expenses? If not, write it down. Does he show up drunk or act abusively? Forget important dates? Make a note. Record idol threats, or inappropriate comments that he might make. This will be valuable information to show the judge.
- ♥ Create a support network of family and friends. Don't be ashamed to ask for help.



Child Support

- ♥ 39.8% of custodial moms awarded child support received full amounts.*
- ♥ 30.0% received partial child support payments.*
- ♥ 30.2% received no awarded child support.*
- ♥ With one child you can expect to receive 20% of your ex-spouses net income in Texas (25% with two, and 30% with three).

Family Stats

- ♥ 66.8% of all first marriages end in divorce.*
 - ♥ There are approximately 13 million single mother households in the US.*
 - ♥ 44.8% of all births in 1996 were to single mothers (divorced, never married and widowed).*
 - ♥ 23% of American families are headed by single mothers.*
 - ♥ 13% of those single moms are divorced.*
 - ♥ 60% of all children will spend some part of their childhood years living in a single parent household.*
 - ♥ 38% of all children living in single parent households live with their mother.*
- *(Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Reports)



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Sincerely, Linda L.