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(Clever tips to turn your home business into a family affair)

IT'S SUMMER VACATION!

The kids are screaming. "It's "WAY TOO HOT" outside. And there's nothing to watch on cable." Kids are bouncing off the walls!

"MOM". We're B-O-R-E-D!

Your husband complains he doesn't remember what it's like to have a decent conversation with you. And he looks at the family album to remind himself what you look like. Why? Because you've locked yourself away in your home office. Toiling away for hours on your computer.

Instead of your family constantly fighting and bickering over your venture. Let them join in. And become a vital part of your home business. Ultimately, this will bring the family closer together, help them to understand the business factor, teach your children responsibility, build their self confidence. And who knows, you might be on the verge of your own Family Business Empire!

Here's a few nifty tips to get the whole family involved in your business during summer vacation or any school break. And, of course, you can adapt them to your own situation. Find out what works for you!

-Delegate easy task to the younger children. Let little fingers sort pencils, pens, office supplies into the right compartments. Arrange file boxes or stack them neatly. Sort sheets of paper by color or weight into neat little groups. You could easily turn this into a game and make it fun. Reward them with a healthy snack or favorite toy.

-Let middle children spell check your letters, proof-read papers for you. Or file and sort papers, run copy machines, send faxes. You might arrange to pay them a small salary or purchase something they've asked for.

-Assign your older children to answering the business telephone. Taking messages. Running important errands to the post office or purchasing needed office supplies. Consider paying older children a nominal salary if your budget allows.

-Assign your spouse to checking your email, downloading important files, helping with accounting or financial statements. Or delegate your spouse to research special projects.

-Once a week have a business meeting with your spouse and children. Discuss where you are now and where you see the home business in a year. Discuss any new projects, task, or assignments. Discuss openly any problems. Let the children and your spouse add their input into how they would like to see the business managed.

Use these suggestions to meet the unique challenges you may face in running a home business. Make it a family affair! And, remember, running a home business is not like running a corporation. Ultimately, you must realize it is the family that is most important.

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