

Is Stay-at-Home Parenting a Job?

Description

You™re one person against one or more tiny people all dependent on you. While your significant other earns the family income by heading to work every day, you are feeding, changing, cleaning house (or trying), cooking, playing, shopping, washing dishes, and somehow, finding time to eat for yourself. Yep, you™re a stay-at-home parent, but is it a job?

I™m not claiming to be an expert with only 2 months under the elastic waistband in my shorts, but I feel confident in saying that stay-at-home parenting is NOT a job. Physically and mentally exhausting? You bet your messed up, cow licked hair it is, but it™s still no job.

Now before you go getting red-faced with anger, hear me out. Saying that being a stay-at-home parent is a job, is basically saying you really don™t want to be a parent. Yeah you have your good and bad days just like you would in the office, and your co-worker(s) can be unruly and hard to talk to at times, but you™re watching your offspring learn and grow.

Because of YOU, your children don™t have to be dropped off where they don™t see either parent for hours every day. I have no ill intent to those of you that do this, and I know we are fortunate to be able to make it work. As a stay-at-home parent, you will also be there to see all of the “firsts” and hopefully capture them on video to replay over and over.

Not only that, but you™re saving your family an expensive childcare bill. Even if you could afford it, wouldn™t you rather be the one helping to shape and develop how your little ones learn? I™m pretty sure the caretakers, with multiple kids to watch over, will never be able to give the same attention as you.

Plus, I would expect less trips to the doctor™s office since you are avoiding your kid coming in contact with other sick kids at the care facility. Yes, it will happen eventually, but hopefully not as often.

Going Mom, my dear wife, is the one with a job in our family. Words can™t express how much I appreciate her for all that she does for us. She has to head to work and leave us in the morning for most days of the week *and then* come home to be a mother. And a fine mother she is! Literally, I think she™s pretty hot! ð™,



Two cuties that are too cute. See what I did there? ; 0

For me, I despised going to work and sitting in an office. I'm a mover, constantly wanting to do something, and plugging away at a keyboard wasn't doing it. Now, I am definitely moving and always have something to tend to. Both of these are stressing, but work stress actually hurt my health.

As a stay-at-home dad, I have greatly reduced my stress level and the symptoms I had before have gone. Now I am able to prepare meals for Kelley, care for our child, exercise, and at least try to keep the house in somewhat good shape. Before, I tried to juggle all of this on top of work and it drove me insane!

Kelley mentioned how she notices a difference in my attitude now that I'm at home, and I fully agree. With Avery in our lives, and me staying at home with her, we are all happier and healthier as a result.



Heading out for a walk.

So, is staying at home to raise your children a job? Nope, that's would mean you're an employee of sorts. I am proud to be a stay-at-home dad and love my form of payment in love from my wonder wife and beautiful baby. Plus, her smiles are like daily bonuses!



What do you think? Would you consider stay-at-home parenting a job?

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