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## HOME BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Are you good with computers and considering a home based business where you can utilize your computer knowledge? You may be interested in starting a computer tech business from home offering support to the millions of people world-wide who own computers but often become very frustrated and disillusioned with them.

If you are planning this type of business with your spouse and have children, carefully consider this venture before stepping into it. You will need to be able to manage your time and have an excellent ability to communicate to each other. You do not want your partnership to turn into a power struggle, or you run the risk of both your marriage and your business falling apart. Starting a home business takes investment both financially and emotionally so weigh up your options carefully before jumping into the arena of home-based businesses.

It will be important to divide the responsibilities within the business. Look at the strengths that both of you have and divide them up. If both you and your spouse have great skills when it comes to working with clients, then decide which one of you will manage a different part of the business. Your business will only succeed when you work together utilizing each others strengths as opposed to entering into a confrontation over who should work in which area of the business. Just as in a corporate environment, you have those who work in the forefront working with the customers and managing the day-to-day operations and another who works behind the scene generating the paperwork, payroll, and other office duties. Any large financial decisions should always be made together.

You do not want to be shouting at each other when differences arise so decide on a plan as to how you are going to handle any disputes that may arise and they do arise in all businesses. Again look at how businesses are run, have weekly meetings or even daily morning meetings to look at what you are going to accomplish that day. If you start your business but never take the time to communicate with each other as to what is happening on a frequent basis your business will more likely fail. Having weekly or daily meetings will lessen the chance of something happening that is unexpected and you will be more able to handle the little things that crop up.

If you have children in the home consider hiring someone to come in and take care of the kids while you are working. It does not have to be all day but maybe for a few select hours when you know that you and your spouse need to concentrate without interruptions. Although one of the reasons you probably wanted to start a home business in the first place is so that you can be at home with your children, but you will not be very effective if they are demanding your attention all day. Your children will have to adjust to the business being in your home the same way you and your spouse are adjusting.

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