

# SURVIVING YOUR FAMILY VACATION

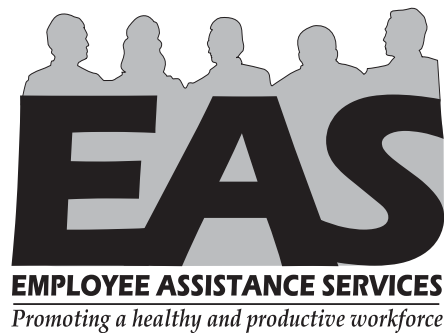
Have you ever gone on a vacation and returned home feeling like you needed another one? Vacations should be a time of relaxation and family fun, but when everyone's interests are different, it is difficult to create a vacation that meets the expectations of the whole family.

## SIX TIPS TO SUCCESSFUL VACATION PLANNING

1. **Be realistic.** A vacation is a change from the daily routine which will cause some stress
2. **Be flexible.** Expect the unexpected. Remember that the wrong turn may lead to the perfect camping spot, etc.
3. **Plan ahead.** Involve the whole family. Read travel brochures together and discuss your options
4. **Budget wisely.** Give children daily allowances and set expectations. Use credit cards only for emergencies. Keep track of expenses
5. **Relax.** Do not pressure yourself to have fun or to feel guilty about loafing around
6. **Be wise.** Arrive home one day before returning to work so that you can catch up on the chores

Family vacations can produce wonderful memories that will last a lifetime, but they take cooperation, effort and patience to become reality.

*For more information on surviving your next family vacation, call:*



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