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5 Audition Tips For Show Biz Kids From Susie Mains

Walking into that first audition is so exciting, but it can be unnerving! Here are some tips for success:

- Never respond to questions with a simple "yes" or "no." Casting directors are usually not interested in what a child's actual answer is, but rather are looking to see their personality, spark, and confidence.
- Be ready to adjust. On a set, changes happen all the time so being able to take direction is huge.
- Have the script memorized. Your child should hold the script in her hand, but only refer to it if absolutely necessary.
- Be a pro. Be on time, have photos and resume on hand, and be quiet and respectful in the waiting room.
- Remain calm. For parents, just staying attentive to your own child will distract you from your anxiety.



Each audition is like a golden ticket to an exciting new experience. Let your child enjoy their first!

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Creating a Solid Surrogacy Agreement

From Fred Silberberg

Although a surrogacy contract may seem simple, a properly drafted surrogacy agreement is a complex and detailed document. The contract needs to address a range of matters that go far beyond mere terms of compensation. These include:

- What happens if multiple embryos are implanted and they all take? Can the parents eliminate some embryos to avoid multiple births?
- What happens if the surrogate suffers medical complications?
- What measures must the surrogate take to maintain a healthy pregnancy?
- Will there be a waiver of the surrogate's rights to health care confidentiality relating to the pregnancy?



When choosing your surrogate, you should also ask to what extent they'll want you involved during the pregnancy term. In addition, many parents choose to continue their relationship with their surrogate after birth. Some do not wish to. This expectation should also be made clear prior to signing a contract.

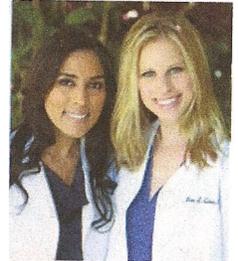
Taking proper measures at the beginning of surrogacy's process will free you from stress and distraction and allow you to focus on what's truly important: preparing to welcome a new child into the world with love, warmth and care.

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Is It Time To See An Orthodontist?,

From Monica Madan, DDS, and Erin Cohen, DDS

You may be thinking that 7 or 8 seems too young to start braces. However, between the ages of 6 and 7, the first adult molars erupt, establishing the back bite. During this time, an orthodontist can evaluate front-to-back and side-to-side tooth relationships. The



presence of erupting incisors can indicate possible overbite, open bite, crowding or gummy smiles. Timely screening increases the chances for an incredible smile.

According to studies by the American Association of Orthodontists, untreated orthodontic issues can result in a variety of problems. Crowded teeth are more difficult to properly brush and floss, which may contribute to tooth decay and gum disease. Protruding teeth are more susceptible to accidental chipping. Crossbites can result in unfavorable growth and uneven tooth wear. Open bites can result in tongue-thrusting habits and speech impediments. Ultimately, orthodontics does more than make a pretty smile - it creates a healthier you.

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