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## How Stay-at-Home Parents Can Start Earning Extra Income

As a stay-at-home parent, you already do a lot for your family by taking care of your kids. While you can save a lot of money on [childcare and other expenses](#) by staying home with your kids, you might still be looking for ways to boost your income. Luckily, there are numerous ways for stay-at-home parents to work while also taking care of their families. Below, learn about a few of the things you'll want to take into consideration, and find some inspiring work-from-home ideas.

## What to Consider About Working from Home

Earning more income is the number one reason to take on a work-from-home job as a parent. But aside from supporting your family financially, you also have to think about practicalities such as health insurance and other benefits. Fortunately, organizations such as the [International Father's Rights Foundation](#) can connect you with programs that allow you to access health care, job training and other resources you need to succeed.

It's also important to consider how difficult it can be to juggle the responsibilities of [parenting and working](#). If you are new to working and parenting at the same time, it will take some trial and error until you're able to find a healthy balance between your family and career.

## Earning an Income from Freelancing

Freelancing is one of the best ways to boost your income without having to invest much money in equipment or other business expenses. Many different skills can be used to build a successful freelancing career, such as writing, video editing, sales, bookkeeping, data entry and more. Having professional experience can make it easier to find clients, but you can also gain experience through landing a few clients and delivering good results that will get you referrals.

Posting your skills on freelance job boards is a good way to put yourself out there, but it is also effective to network with local businesses. As DoubleYourFreelancing explains, local [networking events](#) can be great places to meet potential clients for your freelancing endeavor -- even if you have no experience. Once you get more established and start finding success, creating an [online portfolio](#) to showcase your successes can start drawing in new clients from outside your network.

## Operating an Ecommerce Store

Another great way to become self-employed at home is to run an ecommerce store. There are countless ways to operate an ecommerce store. Some of the first things that come to mind are making handmade items and selling them on platforms like [Etsy](#) or becoming a seller on eBay or Amazon.

While these approaches can be successful, they usually require that you keep supplies and inventory on hand. When you're trying to balance work and family life, it's difficult to keep your inventory organized, let alone find room to keep your products at home.

A better solution might be to try dropshipping. As a dropshipper, you don't physically keep any inventory on-hand. Instead, you own and operate an ecommerce store, but a third party ships your products directly to your customers. It's a flexible way to [add income](#) to your household without adding a lot of overhead.

## Other Ways to Earn Income

In addition to ecommerce and freelancing, you can also boost your income at home by exploring other avenues. For example, you can earn money through [starting a blog](#) or a podcast.

When it comes to podcasting, you can choose any topic that you love talking about. A podcast can generate income all on its own through advertisements and sponsorships, but podcasting can also be a great way to grow your audience if you already have a business or service. For example, you can use a podcast to boost web traffic for your business, build awareness about your brand or market your goods and services directly. As Upwork explains, it's a smart way to [engage your audience](#) with educational information, personal stories, interviews and more, and allows your followers to get to know you more personally.

Being a stay-at-home parent takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but it doesn't mean you have to put your career on hold until your kids are in school. By exploring these ways to make income, you can still bring in an income at home while giving your kids all the attention they need.