

Using a Decision Grid

When it comes to important decisions, trying to reach consensus as a family can be tough. Though certain decisions will ultimately land with parents, kids can become part of the decision making process.

Use a Decision Grid to map out each family member's role in decision making. For example, different roles might include the following:

- The person or people who will make the final decision
- The person or people who will lead in putting together a proposal
- The person or people who will provide input on the proposal
- The person or people who can veto the decision
- The person or people who must be informed about the decision

For example, look at how a family made some decisions about family movie night:

	Stakeholder #1 Kid 1	Stakeholder #2 Kid 2	Stakeholder #3 Mom	Stakeholder #4 Dad
Decision: What movie will we watch?	D	V	P	I
Decision: What will we have for a snack?	P	D	V	MBI

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Family Decision Grid

	Stakeholder #1	Stakeholder #2	Stakeholder #3	Stakeholder #4	Stakeholder #5
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