

# Growing a Family AND Your Career

With a Little Help From Technology

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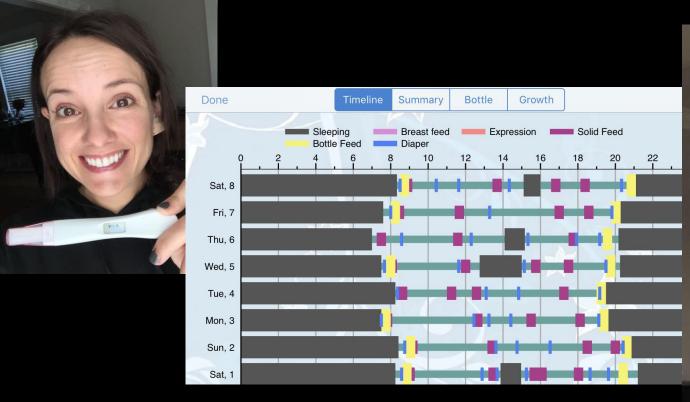
Do working parents have an advantage over their coworkers by being trained to multitask and be more productive?

#### Ah, Careers ...

You've worked for years. Everything is going to plan ...



#### Career + ...?





#### The Four Stages

Denial, Acceptance, Panic, Excitement ... oh, there's Panic again

- The Four Stages of How Am I Going to Rock This?!?
  - Step 1: Work-focused Logistical Freak-out Phase
    - Immediately fast forward to the month(s) immediately affected by the new addition and begin internally bargaining solutions for success around any obstacles.
  - Step 2: Home/Life Logistical Freak-out Phase
    - These two phases usually overlap. Time off plans? Childcare? Parenting skills panic? This phase really has it all.
  - Step 3: Create Your Action Plan
    - This phase is the first glimpse into the advanced multi-tasking skills you're already putting into action.
       Not only are you continuing to do your work but you're planning as needed for what's to come.
  - Step 4: Execute Action Plan / PIVOT!!
    - Life has a funny way of throwing your plans out the window.



#### Now Let's Talk About The Benefits.

- Multi-tasking
  - This is a no-brainer. In whatever time you took off of work you honed this skill to perfection. That isn't to say this isn't going to be a challenge, but it will help you with your ...
- Prioritization skills: the ability to easily identify what's most important
  - You're going to have more to do, regardless of what role you play in the family. This translates into sharpening this skill for your work priorities as well.
     Even with multi-tasking, you can't do everything. You're going to become an expert at identifying what can wait, and what doesn't need to happen at all.
- The ability to ask for help
  - This just gets easier and you're going to need it.

#### Now Let's Talk About The Benefits – Continued.

- Better problem solving
  - Necessity is the mother of invention. 5 lb. collapsible transformer strollers weren't invented by non-parents.
     Are you a new parent? BUY THIS!
    - You are only going to get better at thinking on your feet.



- You might pay closer attention to people's needs
  - Babies aren't great at telling you what they need. But sometimes neither are co-workers and/or employees. Spending 24/7 paying attention to every waking demand of a child, eventually anticipating them even ahead of time, hones this skill for the boardroom as well.
- Saying **NO**



## You're Doing Your Family A Favor In More Ways Than One

What the research is saying.



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Girls With Working Moms Get Better Jobs and Higher Pay, According to Research





10 Surprising Ways Your Child Is Benefiting from Having a

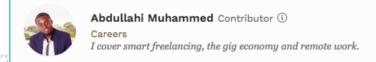
**Working Mom** 

Here's long-term and short-term good news.

By Liza N. Burby January 10, 2017

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Does A Remote Work Arrangement Make You A Better Parent?







#### Where Technology Comes In

It's not cheating, it's smart.

#### **Time Management**

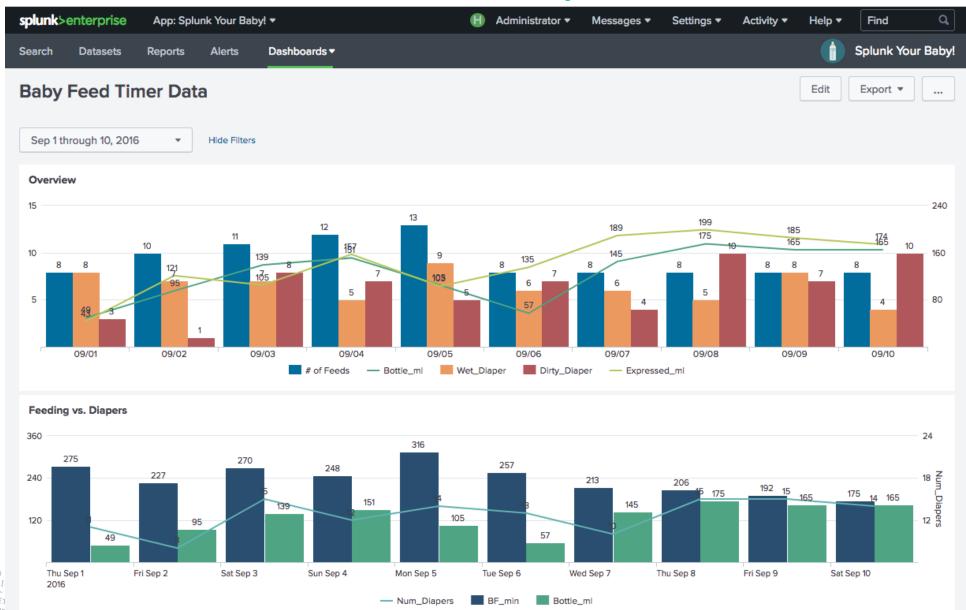
- Divide and Conquer on Steroids
  - You're now going to have multiple people/caretakers in the mix. You're going to need a system.
  - Seamless systems free up time for YOU to get back to focusing on what is important when you decide it's important instead of spinning your wheels.



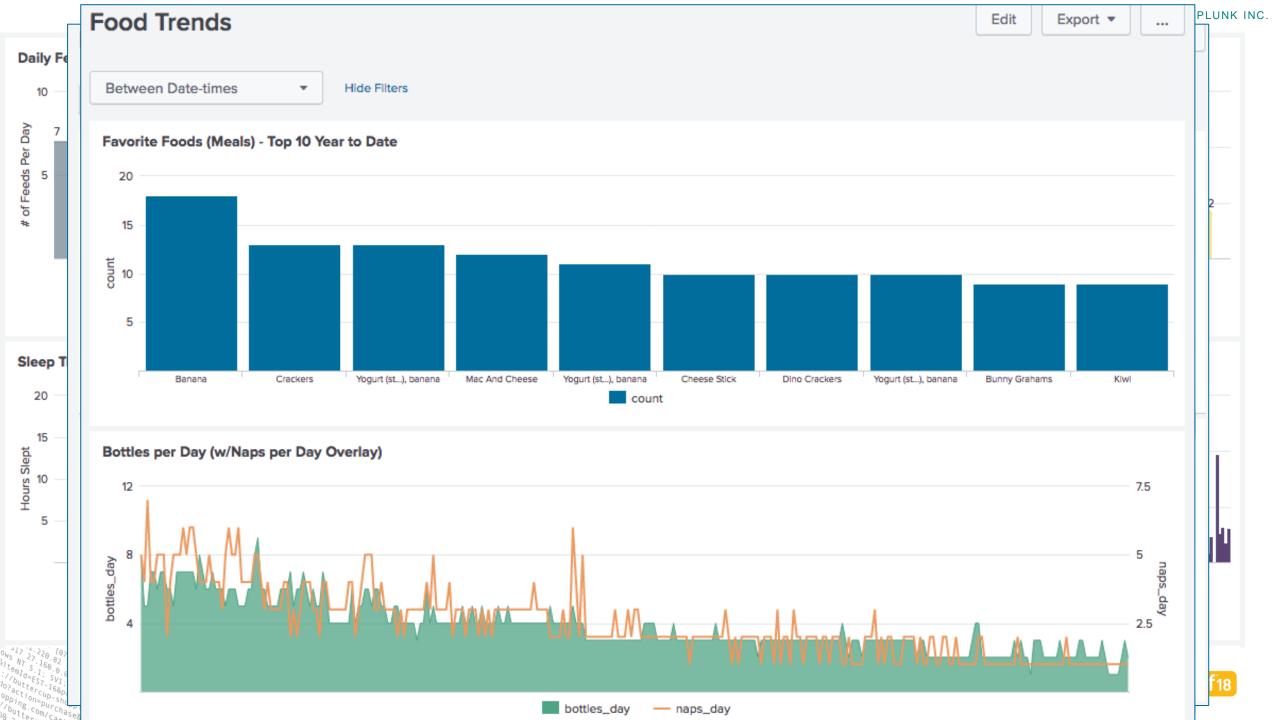
Apps to the rescue



#### Wait, Can I Splunk This??







#### Wait, Can YOU Splunk This??

- Yes You Can!
  - This app is now available on GitHub:
    - https://github.com/its-lz/splunk\_your\_baby









#### **Technology FTW**























#### Do what does all this automation get you?

- Time through simplification of repetitive tasks
  - It may only be seconds here or there at first, but I am convinced it all adds up to a productivity boon.
    - Or even better MORE SLEEP?

- Time through having all the data and solutions at your fingertips
  - When you can pull up the right app and answer a question in seconds, you can get back to doing whatever you need to be doing. Whether that is hanging out with your family or drafting a presentation.

So what can you do with all this extra time?

#### ... OR ...

have another baby and get even better at this stuff.



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