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PARTY LIKE
A ROCK STAR

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STEPS TO
REDUCING
HOLIDAY
STRESS

Overindulgent Family
IS YOURS ONE OF THEM?



KIDS AND MONEY

tips to handle
holiday money

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- 1 Make it clear to grandparents and others who you know will be giving your children gifts that you would prefer that money be directed to a state-sponsored 529 education account or other investment option.
- 2 If you don't feel your child is ready to deal with larger amounts of money, set a hard limit on what they can keep (e.g. \$20 of a \$100 check). Invest the rest.
- 3 For younger children, split the money as you do their allowance (e.g. 10% for sharing, 10% for saving) and let them spend the rest.
- 4 Set up or add to an account and get your kids involved. In addition to 529s, consider Coverdell, mutual funds, savings bonds, stocks or high-yield savings accounts. Bankrate.com is a great website for comparing rates.