Blending a family is tricky business! Below you'll find a few articles, organizations, and resources that may be helpful along the way.

A simple, 5-minute read on the subject that identifies a few of the common hotspots and surface level considerations:

<u>https://extramile.thehartford.com/family/relationships/blended-family/</u>

A brief introduction (and a few actionable tips) to a research/evidence-based approach to step-parenting:

• <u>https://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/blended-</u> <u>family/stepparents/developing-a-relationship-with-stepchildren/the-attachment-</u> <u>difference/</u>

Two great organizations for a deeper dive:

- https://smartstepfamilies.com
- <u>https://www.familylife.com</u> (Look for the "FamilyLife Blended" links/resources)

A direct link to some of FamilyLife Blended's PDF resources:

• https://www.familylife.com/familylifeblended/resources/

A link to an excellent podcast on blended family life and step-parenting that integrates a Biblical perspective. See additional content on their Youtube channel.

https://www.familylife.com/podcast/familylife-blended-podcast/

National Stepfamily Resource Center (check out the "Quick Resources" on the bottom right of the main page):

• <u>https://www.stepfamilies.info</u>