

DCPS is working to make our schools safe and inclusive for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) students, staff, and families.

Research shows that the way families respond to LGBTQ youth can affect their health and mental health outcomes and decision making later in life. This guide provides many of the community and national resources available to families. By working together, we can help to ensure that all students not only feel supported, but develop into the healthy, happy young adults they all have the potential to become.

DCPS has a responsibility to ensure that every one of our students feels safe, accepted, and nurtured and that all of our staff work in a safe and inclusive environment.

Through ongoing staff trainings, a commitment to the school-based liaison program, and community engagement, DCPS will continue to lead the way in creating safe, inclusive, and welcoming schools.



For more information, please contact:

Office of Youth Engagement  
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Or visit:

<http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/LGBTQ>



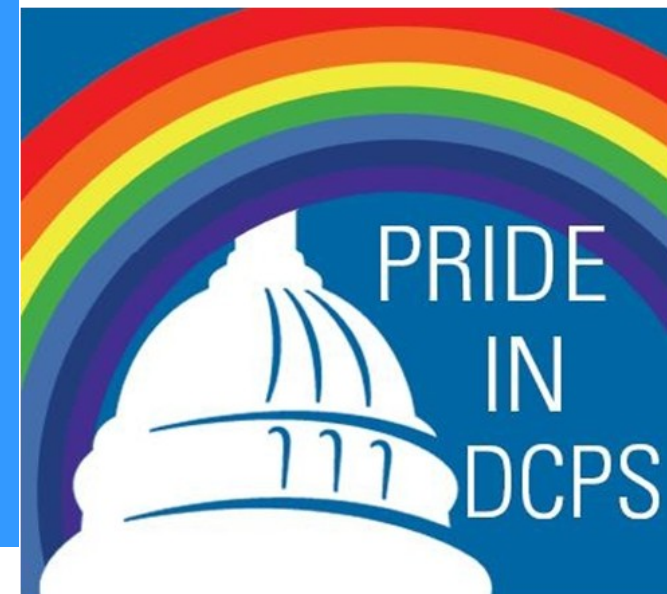
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# LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



# ADOPTIONS TOGETHER

## Adoptions Together

900 Varnum Street NE  
Washington, DC 20017  
(202) 526-4802

[www.adoptionstogether.org](http://www.adoptionstogether.org)

Adoptions Together provides equal services to straight, gay and lesbian couples as well as singles looking to adopt. Counseling, support groups, and more information on LGBTQ adoption is available on their website.



## Advocates for Youth

2000 M Street NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 419-3420

[www.advocatesforyouth.org](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org)

Child-parent communication initiative to help parents communicate effectively with children and teens about sexual health. Advocates offers training, workshops and online resources for organizations, youth and families.



## Children's National Medical Center

Gender and Sexuality Program  
111 Michigan Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 476-5758

[gender@childrensnational.org](mailto:gender@childrensnational.org)

Children's offers gender and sexuality programs for families with LGBTQ children. Information on support groups for parents and children, as well as community education programming is available online.



## La Clinica del Pueblo

2831 15th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009-4607  
(202) 462-4788

[www.LCDP.org](http://www.LCDP.org)

La Clinica provides a range of family health services including HIV testing and treatments. There is also a Youth Center which focuses on the needs of Latino LGBTQ youth in the DC area.

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## The Family Acceptance Project

<http://familyproject.sfsu.edu>

Initiative that uses research and culturally based approaches towards solving LGBTQ youth issues in context of their families in hopes of educating and promoting acceptance of children, regardless of sexual orientation.



## Family Equality Council

(202) 331-5015  
[www.familyequality.org](http://www.familyequality.org)

Family Equality Council connects, supports, and represents the one million LGBT parents in this country and the two million children they are raising.



## GLSEN

Gay, Lesbian, Straight  
Education Network

[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

GLSEN is an educational organization dedicated to the creation of safer school environments. GLSEN works to educate the public on LGBTQ issues and the importance of diversity. Their website offers tools for students and supporters—gay and straight.



## Metro TeenAIDS

651 Pennsylvania Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 543-8246

[www.metroteenaids.com](http://www.metroteenaids.com)

Metro TeenAIDS offers a welcoming environment for young people and their families to get facts, counseling and resources. MTA has clinical services as well as education on LGBTQ issues and concerns.



## PFLAG

National Federation of Parents and  
Friends of Lesbians and Gays  
DC Chapter: [www.pflagdc.org](http://www.pflagdc.org)

National organization for education, advocacy and support for families and friends of LGBT persons. Chapters are available in all states.



## Rainbow Families DC

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5505 Connecticut Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20015-2001  
(202) 747-0407

[www.rainbowfamiliesdc.org](http://www.rainbowfamiliesdc.org)

Rainbow Families supports and connects LGBT parents and prospective parents by providing educational programs, social events, and discussion forums in the DC area.



## SMYAL

Sexual Minority Youth  
Assistance League  
410 7th Street SE  
Washington, DC  
(202) 546-5940

[www.smyal.org](http://www.smyal.org)

SMYAL is a local non-profit organization providing resources for LGBTQ youth and their allies. This is a great first stop for parents and guardians of LGBTQ youth who may need more information on youth programs in the area.



## Trevor Project

Helpline: (866) 488-7386  
[www.trevorproject.org](http://www.trevorproject.org)

The Trevor Project is a national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth. Resources include a safe online instant messaging service and social networking site for LGBT young people ages 13-24.



## TrueChild

(202) 309-1416  
[www.truechild.org](http://www.truechild.org)

TrueChild offers guidance, resources and information about gender identity and expression among young people. Their website features important tools and talking points for families.

Don't forget to walk with  
DCPS in the Capital Pride  
Parade each June!