

# families are changing

**K**ids with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parents are a mostly invisible group even though there are close to four million of us today.

Our families are different in some ways, but also very much the same: we fight about curfew; juggle home, school, and work; we strive to treat each other with respect.

Sometimes people are supportive and think our parent/s are cool, other times they may harass or intimidate us. Because of this, we often don't tell people about our families.

Growing up can be tough enough – no kid should have to hide his or her family. Groups like COLAGE help kids from *all* backgrounds build community and celebrate each other.

Families are changing. Learn about it. You can make a difference.

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## Helpful Organizations:

- Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE): 415-861-KIDS; [www.colage.org](http://www.colage.org)
- Family Pride Coalition: 619-296-0199; [www.familypride.org](http://www.familypride.org)
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): 202-467-8180; [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)
- Straight Spouse Network: 510-525-0200; [www.ssnetwk.org](http://www.ssnetwk.org)
- Student Pride - a program of Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN): 212-727-0135; [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)
- National Center for Lesbian Rights: 415-392-6257; [www.nclrights.org](http://www.nclrights.org)

## Other Resources:

- Alternative Family Magazine: [www.altfammag.com](http://www.altfammag.com)
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Lesbian & Gay Rights Project: [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)
- Anti-Defamation League (ADL): [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)
- Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD): [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org)
- Gay Parent Magazine: [www.gayparentmag.com](http://www.gayparentmag.com)
- Human Rights Campaign & Family Net: [www.hrc.org/familynet](http://www.hrc.org/familynet)
- National Association of School Psychologists: [www.nasp.org](http://www.nasp.org)
- National Lesbian & Gay Task Force: [www.nglftf.org](http://www.nglftf.org)
- National Youth Advocacy Coalition: [www.nyacyouth.com](http://www.nyacyouth.com)
- Lambda Legal: 212-809-8585; [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)

## Religious Groups:

- Affirmation (Mormon): [www.affirmation.org](http://www.affirmation.org)
- Al Fatiha Foundation (Muslim): [www.al-fatiha.org](http://www.al-fatiha.org)
- American Baptists Concerned of Rainbow Baptists: [www.rainbowbaptists.org](http://www.rainbowbaptists.org)
- Dignity US (Catholic): [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org)
- Interfaith Alliance: [www.interfaithalliance.org](http://www.interfaithalliance.org)
- Metropolitan Community Churches: [www.ufmcc.com](http://www.ufmcc.com)
- World Congress of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Jewish Organizations: [www.wcgljo.org](http://www.wcgljo.org)
- Unitarian Office of Bisexual, Gay Lesbian & Transgender Concerns: [www.uua.org/obgltc](http://www.uua.org/obgltc)

## Ways you can show your support:

- Speak out against jokes and slurs that target anyone – including LGBT individuals or families.
- Work with others at school or work to establish a plan for identifying and responding promptly to discriminatory jokes and slurs.
- Talk with administrators about inviting someone to speak about LGBT families at school, work or place of worship. [see resources]
- Send a letter to your local paper and/or elected officials telling them how you support LGBT families.
- Host a screening of **OUR HOUSE** with family, friends, at your school, organization or job. Contact: 212-279-1461; [www.colage.org/documentary](http://www.colage.org/documentary)
- Share this poster with someone! For a printable version go to [www.colage.org/documentary](http://www.colage.org/documentary)
- Be a friend to someone you know in an LGBT family.