

HELP for Parents



In accordance with Connecticut State Statutes and Laws, as well as DCF policies, DCF provides services to every child, youth, adolescent and family in need of services, regardless of their inherent or perceived sexuality. DCF also actively recruits LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) foster and adoptive parents and mentors.

Take the LGBT Parent Survey at: <http://www.lgbtparents.org/>

If your child is gay or lesbian he or she will need support to deal with the difficult, complicated issues and feelings at a stage in life when all teenagers experience growing pains. Information can help ease your own worries about your child and help you build a stronger relationship with your child who still needs you very much.

National Hotlines

- Gay & Lesbian National Hotline **888-843-GLNH** (4564)
- National Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline **800-347-TEEN** (8336)
- The Trevor Helpline **886-4-U-TREVOR** (Suicide Hotline)

General Information

- [211 LGBT Resources](#)
 - [Answers to your questions about Sexual Orientation](#)
 - [Respondiendo a sus preguntas sobre orientación sexual](#) (*Espanol*)
 - [Gay Resources](#) (*a Mother's website*)
 - [GLBT New England Resources](#)
 - [My Child is Gay! Now what do I do?](#)
 - [Parenting Gay Youth: Creating a Supportive Environment](#)
 - [Sexual Orientation Questions and Answers](#) (*pdf 48kb*)
 - [Transgender Resources](#)
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Adoption (by LGBT Couples and Individuals)

In accordance with Connecticut's laws, regulations and ethics, DCF actively recruits LGBT foster and adoptive parents and mentors. DCF practices concerning inherent sexuality follow what is in the best interest of the child in accordance with the industry standards of care surrounding LGBT youth and families. For more information visit the [DCF website](#) or go directly to the [DCF Adoption page](#).

According to the Williams Institute and the Urban Institute March 2007 Report [Adoption and Foster Care by Gay and Lesbian Parents in the United States](#) and DCF statistical reporting:

- 873 Connecticut children have been adoptive by LGBT parents.
- CT DCF currently has 146 children living in LGBT foster homes
- CT DCF currently has 176 openly LGB youth in care.
- CT DCF currently has 26 Transgender youth in care
- More than one in three lesbians have given birth and one in six gay men have fathered or adopted a child.
- More than half of gay men and 41% of lesbians want to have a child.
- An estimated two million GLB people are interested in adopting.

- An estimated 65,500 adopted children are living with a lesbian or gay parent.
- More than 16,000 adopted children are living with lesbian and gay parents in California, the highest number among the states
- Gay and lesbian parents are raising 4% of all adopted children in the United States.
- Same-sex couples raising adopted children are older, more educated, and have more economic resources than other adoptive parents.
- Adopted children with same-sex parents are younger and more likely to be foreign born.
- An estimated 14,100 foster children are living with lesbian or gay parents.
- Gay and lesbian parents are raising three percent of foster children in the United States.
- Connecticut currently has 19,293 child who have been adopted.

Brochures

- [Are you concerned about your child's gender's behavior?](#)
- [I think I might be a lesbian](#)
- [I think I might be Gay](#)
- [Information for Parents of Gay Children](#)
- [Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Youth](#)
- [Lesbian & Gay Youth In Foster Care](#) (DCF)
- [Resources for LGBT Foster Children](#) (U.S. Department of Justice)
- [Youth in Care, Answers to your Questions](#) (CWLA)
- [What Does Gay Mean?](#) (Booklet for Parents)

Families

- [Are you concerned about your child's gender's behavior?](#)
- [Colage](#) (Children of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere)
- [Connecticut LGBT Families Community Group](#)
- [Family Acceptance Project](#)
- [Family Equality Council](#)
- [Family Pride](#)
- [Families Like Mine](#)
- [Families Like Ours](#)
- [LGBT Healthy Families Initiative](#)
- [PFLAG - Parents, Friends & Family of Lesbians and Gays](#) (Gay, Lesbian, Bi)
- [Proud Parenting](#)
- [Straight Spouse Network](#)

General Resources

- [ABC's of Sexual Orientation](#)
- [Ambiente Joven](#) (en español)
- [Bullying and Gay Youth](#)
- [Connecticut Association of Foster & Adoptive Parents](#) (CAFAP)
- [Connecticut Commission on Right and Opportunities](#) (CHRO)
- [Don't Erase your queer future](#)
- [Gender Variant Resources](#)
- [LGBT Youth of Color](#)
- [Mombian](#) (Resource Directory for LGBT Parents)
- [No Dumb Questions](#)
- [Office of the Child Advocate](#) (OCA)
- [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)
- [Statistics on Gay and Lesbian Adoption/Foster Care](#)
- [True Colors, Inc.](#)

Health Resources for LGBT Individuals

- [Bisexual Health](#)
- [LGBT Health](#) (US Government, Centers for Disease Control-CDC)
- [Female-to-Male International](#)
- [Gay and Lesbian Medical Association](#)

- [Intersex Society of America](#)
- [Latino Community Services](#)
- [Lesbian Health](#)
- [Medicine Plus for Gays and Lesbians](#)
- [National Coalition for LGBT Health](#)

Legal Resources

- [Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice](#)
- [Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders](#) (GLAD)
- [Immigration Equality](#)
- [Lambda Legal](#)
- [National Gay and Lesbian Task Force](#)
- [National Black Justice Coalition](#)
- [National LGBT Bar Association](#)
- [Servicemembers Legal Defense Network](#) (SLDN)

National Organizations

- [American Library Association - LGBT Roundtable](#)
- [Beyond Ex-Gays](#)
- [Bi.org](#)
- [BiNet USA](#)
- [Child Welfare League of America](#) (CWLA)
- [Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network](#) (GLSEN)
- [Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation](#) (GLAAD)
- [Human Rights Campaign](#) (HRC)
- [International Gay and Lesbian Association](#) (IGLA)
- [National Association of Social Workers](#) (NASW)
- [National Black Justice Coalition](#)
- [National Center for Lesbian Rights](#)
- [National Center for Transgender Rights](#)
- [National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association](#) (NGLJA)
- [National Help Center](#)
- [National Organizations](#) (Additional)
- [Matthew Shepard Foundation](#)
- [Safe Schools Coalition](#)
- [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#) (SPRC)
- [The Equity Project](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance](#)
- [Truth Wins Out](#)

Services for LGBT People with Disabilities

- [Blind Friends of Lesbians and Gays](#)
- [Deaf Queers](#)
- [LGBT Youth with Disabilities](#)
- [Passing Twice: A Network of LGBT Persons Who Stutter & Their Friends](#)
- [Queers on Wheels](#)
- [Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf](#)

Seniors/Retired LGBT Individuals

- [American Veterans for Equal Rights](#) (AVER)
- [Gay and Lesbian Association of Retired Persons](#) (GLARP)
- [LGBT Aging Issues Network](#) (LAIN)
- [LGBT Youth with Disabilities](#)
- [Planning with a Purpose, legal basics for LGBT Elders](#)
- [Old Lesbians Organizing for Change](#) (OLOC)