



T&TA for States and Tribes Pertaining to: LGBTQ Issues

The National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections is able to provide States and Tribes with Training and Technical Assistance to promote competent and affirming services, policies, and practices for working with LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) children, youth, and families.

Please note that multiple, downloadable print resources on LGBTQ issues and child welfare are available on the NRCFPC website at:

http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfpcpp/info_services/lgbtq-issues-and-child-welfare.html

Sample Areas of T&TA include:

- Engaging LGBTQ foster and adoptive families
- How to develop supports for LGBTQ foster and adoptive families
- Working with Family Support and Preservation Workers to support LGBTQ youth remaining in their families of origin
- Unpacking the “No of Permanency” for older LGBTQ youth
- Working to facilitate all forms of permanency (reunification, kinship, guardianship, and adoption) for LGBTQ children and youth
- Working with States and Tribes to develop LGBTQ affirming policies and practices
- Strategies to engage parents and community partners in the provision of safety-focused, individualized family-centered services to LGBTQ children, youth, and families
- Strategies to develop skills in the practice of family group conferencing as they relate to LGBTQ children, youth and families and family group decision making
- Promoting the practice of family search and engagement strategies to identify all family members, including LGBTQ family members, for children and youth separated from their birth families

- Retention and support of resource families and dual licensure issues for foster and adoptive families headed by LGBTQ people
- Promoting practices to insure placement stability for LGBTQ youth, the underpinning of which are sound LGBTQ affirming practices in assessment, case planning, active engagement of families, and case management
- Promoting practices and policies that focus on cultural competency to increase understanding of diverse cultures, including the cultural traditions of LGBTQ persons
- Promoting practices that build relationships between Tribes and States and LGBTQ community-based resources
- Working to promote partnerships between parents and LGBTQ foster parents
- Working toward a full collaboration between child welfare and legal and judicial partners, especially with respect to LGBTQ family issues
- Understanding healthy development and mental health care issues for LGBTQ children, youth, and families in foster care
- Expanding the service array and improving LGBTQ competent services
- Promoting child welfare practices that addresses substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health services in a LGBTQ context
- Promoting system of care approaches that include LGBTQ affirming services in foster care and adoption and all other community based services
- Post-permanency services that support LGBTQ children and youth in families moving toward permanency

All T & TA for the NRCPPFC is coordinated through State Regional Offices (see <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcp/training.html> on this website for additional information and contact information for this process) and then you may contact our NRCPPFC single point of entry contact person:

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