How can we work together, in tough economic times with shrinking resources, to promote and sustain progressive policies and best practices in adoption, fostering and kinship care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parents and families?

**This is to invite you to bring your voice, your vision and your best thinking to a participatory leadership symposium** sponsored by The National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections, Hunter College School of Social Work and the Center for LGBT Social Science & Public Policy, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College.

Please join our Host Committee as we bring together LGBT adoptive and foster parents and prospective parents, researchers, policymakers, service providers, community-based organizations and advocates, to review where we are, where we want to go and how we can now move forward, collaboratively, within New York State and nationally.

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN FOSTERING, ADOPTION AND KINSHIP CARE FOR LGBT FAMILIES**

**Friday, October 29th, 2010 8:30am-4:00pm**

The Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, City University of New York
47 – 49 East 65th Street, New York City, NY

A program agenda is attached. To register, please click on the link here or paste the following link into your browser: [http://ww3.hunter.cuny.edu/special-events/view.php?id=39](http://ww3.hunter.cuny.edu/special-events/view.php?id=39)

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