A place for every family!

A workshop to create environments inclusive of sexual and gender diversity.

Free workshop.
HOW TO DEAL WITH MOTHERS’ DAY & FATHERS’ DAY?

HOW TO EXPLAIN FAMILY DIVERSITY TO KIDS?

HOW TO RESPOND TO PARENTS’ QUESTIONS?
Thousands of children in Québec live in families with lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) parents. Far from being a marginal phenomenon, the growing number of LGBT families is the result of a number of factors such as:

- A growing diversity of different family constellations, beginning in the 1960s (i.e. blended, single-parent, multicultural, etc.);
- A growing number of LGBT parents who affirm their sexual orientation or gender identity;
- The evolution of Québec laws that favour a better recognition of LGBT families;
- Equal access to adoption and to new assisted reproduction technologies;
- A growing number of LGBT people that want to start a family.

Despite the increasing number, many people have the impression that they have never met an LGBT family or, even, that this type of family doesn’t exist.

HOW TO REACT TO HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC COMMENTS?
LGBT families are sometimes absent from social representations of the family and the overall image of family diversity in Québec. Exclusion and silence are amongst the biggest barriers encountered by LGBT families. Because these families are often made invisible, practices are not always adapted to respond to their needs, which could have a significant impact on their well-being and most of all on their children.

LGBT parents, like other parents, would like to establish a solid and comfortable communication with educators and other professionals in daycare settings and family-oriented community organizations. Professionals would like to better connect with these families. By being better informed about the research and realities around LGBT parenting, professionals and families can collaborate together resulting in better support and real inclusion.

In this context, the workshop *A Place for Every Family!* can provide resources and strategies to professionals who work with youth and families to fight discrimination and to promote inclusion.
THE WORKSHOP A PLACE FOR EVERY FAMILY! OFFERS:

- information on terminology and basic concepts about sexual and gender diversity
- arguments to respond to myths and stereotypes about LGBT families
- the know-how to react with regards to specific situations affecting these families
- strategies and best practices to adapt settings and services to promote inclusion

HOW TO ACCOMPANY A YOUTH WHO DISCOVERS HIS/HER PARENT IS LGBT?

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN:

- A family-oriented community organisation;
- A coalition of family-oriented community organisations;
- A neighbourhood family association (‘Maison de la famille’);
- A public daycare (CPE);
- A coordinating office or a home day care;
- A subsidized or non-subsidized daycare;
- A school daycare.
The workshop, *A Place for Every Family!* Can be either a 3-hour or full-day session and is given in the participants’ workplace or elsewhere, anywhere in Québec. Experienced animators use teaching methods that are both dynamic and interactive. At the end of the session, participants receive practical tools including activities to carry out, posters, best practices, resource lists, etc.).

These workshops are offered FREE OF CHARGE thanks to a partnership with the Ministry of Families.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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