



We Are Family

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If you are interested in sharing your story with the We Are Family Members, send us your bio to brian@wearefamilylv.org.

If you are interested in submitting columns for the monthly newsletter or have ideas for improving the newsletter email us at brian@wearefamilylv.org

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Upcoming August Events

Paymons Mediterranean Cafe

When: Sun. August 23, 2009

Where: 8380 W. Sahara Ave.

Who: All Members

A Day at the Pool

When: Sun. August 30, 2009

Where: Desert Breeze Water Park

Who: All members with children

Study Looking for Participants

My name is Dwight Panozzo. I'm a gay dad like you, and a PhD candidate at New York University in the Silver School of Social Work. I am doing a

dissertation about gay dads and our families. Very little scholarly research has been done on our families, and what has been done is usually focused on lesbians and how they raise their children. That's where you come in. I would like your help with my research on gay male parenting. The questionnaire focuses on how life was for you and your partner before and after the arrival of your first child, how you arrange parenting responsibilities and the impact of bringing children into your family. Your participation and that of gay dads like you will make it possible to add to knowledge about gay male parented families.

Eligibility Criteria – To participate you have to:

- Be a gay dad who is at least 18 years old.
- Be living with a gay male partner.
- Have brought one or more children into your family after the two of you were a couple through adoption, surrogacy, guardianship, or long term foster parenting after the two of you began to live together.
- If the ONLY children in your family are from a previous heterosexual relationship you are not eligible to participate in this study. My apologies to those dads. This study is not for you because almost all that has been written about gay dads has been about your type of family. This study is for the gay dads who have mostly not been studied.



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The questionnaire is online and will take about 20-30 minutes to complete. It may be completed in one sitting or more than one sitting. To log out and return to the questionnaire, however, requires that cookies are enabled on your computer. You may log off after clicking to move on to the next page in the questionnaire (this saves your work).

The questionnaire has been designed so that it could be completed by one partner on behalf of both of you, but you are also welcome to work on it together. Or, if you prefer, you could each complete your own copy of the questionnaire. In this latter instance, you would need to send this email to another computer and click on the link to the questionnaire from the other computer in order to access a second copy of the questionnaire.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 201-476-1816 or email me at panozzo@nyu.edu. Please feel free to forward this email to other gay dads who might be interested in completing the questionnaire.

Now, please click on this link to proceed to the questionnaire:

<https://www.novisystems.com/NoviSurvey/n/GayParenting.aspx>

Upcoming Maybe- Baby Workshop

Join We Are Family September 26th for our annual Maybe-Baby Workshop. Whether you are a soon-to-be parent or have already begun the joys of parenthood, please come join us, as this will be an interactive learning environment that everyone will benefit from!

This September you will learn about many family creations options, including surrogacy, egg donation, sperm banks, insemination and in-vitro fertilization. You will also learn about foster care and adoption services that are available. A member of HRC will be available to talk about national programs such as All Children All Families, which promotes the recruitment of LGBT foster and adoptive families. Guest speakers will include Andre Wade from Clark County Department of Family Services, Sharon Feeny from the Adoption Exchange, and Dr. Fisch from the Sher Institute. We will also have representatives from Red Rock Fertility, Nevada Fertility C.A.R.E.S., Conceptual Options in California, Sperm Bank Inc./ Fertility Center of California, and Growing Generations.

The Maybe-Baby Workshop will afford every attendee the opportunity to interact with the guest speakers listed above, as well as current parents, in order to obtain a better understanding of how to create a family and what resources are available to the LGBT community. If you would like an Evite to this event or if you would like to be a guest speaker and share your story please email adele@wearefamilylv.org.

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