



# We Are Family

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## *Are You Interested in Learning about Foster Care?*

Clark County, Department of Family Services actively recruits LGBT individuals to provide a safe nurturing environment for children in need. Foster Parents are specially trained and licensed to meet the needs of the children. Foster parents provide a stable, nurturing home for children until they return to their parents or another permanent home. Foster parents are also a great adoptive resource. Want to become a foster parent? **Call (702) 455-0181 or 1-888-4AFAMILY**

## **Check the Website Out!**

[www.WeAreFamilyLV.org](http://www.WeAreFamilyLV.org)

Learn about:

- ✓ Calendar of Events
- ✓ Community Links
- ✓ Workshop Information
- ✓ Bio's of Members
- ✓ Past and Present Newsletters

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

## **Upcoming March Events** **Meet and Greet**

**When:** Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 – 8:00pm  
**Where:** The Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 953 E. Sahara Ave., B-31,  
**Why:** Get to know the members of We Are Family. You can expect refreshments and activities to help you learn more about the We Are Family members.  
**Who:** All members, including children  
**RSVP:** For more information and to receive an Evite to this event please email [adele@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:adele@wearefamilylv.org).

## **Bowling Night**

**When:** Saturday, March 14, 6:30pm  
**Where:** The Orleans Casino  
**Why:** Practice our bowling skills while allowing the parents and children of We Are Family to get to know each other.  
**Who:** All members, especially children.  
**RSVP:** For more information and to receive an Evite please email [adele@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:adele@wearefamilylv.org).  
**Costs:** Approx. \$4/game

## **Ethnic Night**

**When:** Sunday, March 29, 5:30pm  
**Where:** New Shanghai Restaurant, 4215 Spring Mtn. Road  
**Why:** Good food and friends.  
**Who:** All members, including children  
**RSVP:** For more information and to receive an Evite to this event please email [adele@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:adele@wearefamilylv.org).  
**Costs:** Approx. \$12/person

## **About the HRC Family Project**

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation Family Project serves as a comprehensive resource for

### **To learn more**

[www.wearefamilylv.org](http://www.wearefamilylv.org)

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### **Member Support**

[members@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:members@wearefamilylv.org)

### **To Donate**

[donations@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:donations@wearefamilylv.org)

### **To Advertise**

[advertise@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:advertise@wearefamilylv.org)

### **To Volunteer**

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gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families. The project provides information on a wide range of issues including adoption, civil unions, custody and visitation, donor insemination, family law, marriage, parenting, schools, senior health and housing, state laws and legislation, straight spouses and transgender issues. In addition to maintaining inclusive and up to date resources for LGBT families in the U.S., the project provides guidance to those that work closely with these families in various fields such as adoption agencies, social workers, and healthcare institutions. To learn more about the Human Rights Campaign, please visit their site at [www.hrc.org/issues/parenting](http://www.hrc.org/issues/parenting)

To get more involved with the Las Vegas chapter of the HRC, visit [www.lasvegas.hrc.org](http://www.lasvegas.hrc.org).

**Volunteer Now**

If you are interested in hosting a family fun day or feel you have information to share with gay and lesbian parents in Southern Nevada, please contact Brian at [brian@wearefamilylv.org](mailto:brian@wearefamilylv.org).



Volunteer for Las Vegas Pride, 2009 and help support We Are Family by donating your volunteer earnings. We Are Family will use those funds to increase our programming efforts. We will be hosting a reading tent for parents and children along with various activities. To learn more about Las Vegas Pride, 2009, and how you can volunteer to work for We Are Family, log onto their website [www.lasvegaspride.org](http://www.lasvegaspride.org).

**Research Study**

Are you currently a lesbian identified woman who is co-parenting one or more children with another woman? We are currently looking for couples where both women would be willing to participate in a study on lesbian mothers. The specific requirements are:

- 1) You are in a lesbian relationship.
- 2) You and your partner created your family after you had established your relationship.
- 3) Your children are currently 18 years of age or younger.

This project is being conducted by Dr. Suzanne Johnson, principal investigator, at Dowling College and has been approved by Dowling College's Institutional Review Board. If you are interested in helping her learn more about lesbian mothers and their families you may click on this link:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=G2Sd8ml2rEN\\_2bSMZB9pULiQ\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=G2Sd8ml2rEN_2bSMZB9pULiQ_3d_3d) or copy and paste it into your browser to complete the study on line or you may contact Dr. Johnson at:

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**Other Las Vegas Resources**

Clark County Family Services  
[www.accessclarkcounty.com](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com)

The Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada  
[www.thecenterlv.com](http://www.thecenterlv.com)

PFLAG  
[pflag@viawest.net](mailto:pflag@viawest.net)  
or (702) 738-7838