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**Creating Welcoming and Inclusive Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Families in Early Childhood Settings**

<http://earlyoncenter.org/resource.php?page=1&sort=title&ID=18>

This article points to the importance of including LGBT families in early childhood settings and provides strategies on how to open the dialogue and discuss common fears around this subject. PSP has been a leader throughout the nation in working for inclusion and equity for LGBT families through our Making Room in the Circle curriculum, college courses and trainings. The following are resources for the early childhood field.

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**Family Equality Council - Equality Maps**

<http://earlyoncenter.org/resource.php?ID=102>

The Family Equality Council provides equality maps that show quick and easy **summaries of laws that affect LGBT Americans** on a state-by-state and issue-by-issue basis. The maps present information on laws in areas from parenting rights and relationship recognition to employment discrimination to adoption laws.

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**In My Shoes: Stories of Youth with LGBT Parents**

<http://earlyoncenter.org/resource.php?ID=103>

This **32 minute** video about five young people who are children of LGBT parents give you a chance to walk in their shoes - to hear their own views on marriage, making change, and what it means to be a family.

Classroom curriculum and discussion materials also accompany this video (page 11 of guide).

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## **Listening to the Family's Story**

<http://veipd.org/earlyintervention/listening-to-the-familys-story/>

Check out this blog and learn about a few strategies for moving from a focus on questions and facts to a conversation about the family's story.

A great resource to incorporate into your classroom or provider staff meetings. Use the reflection question at the end of the article to stimulate rich discussions.

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