Supporting LGBTQI Students and Families
(lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex)

The ECEA believes that the normalization of LGBTQI students and families needs to occur in early childhood classrooms and curriculum if there is to be equity in the education of all children. When children do not see multiple ways to “be family” or to be gendered as validated by their teachers, they and their families become ostracized, silenced, and degraded or they receive messages that theirs is the only acceptable way to be in the world. This has academic as well as social implications that are contrary to early childhood educators’ commitment to creating supportive environments for every child. We realize, however, that many teachers have not had experience in understanding or validating LGBTQI issues and that resources can be very helpful as you engage in faculty study groups, talk with children, and curricular planning. The resources provided at this link are offered with those opportunities in mind.

Gay parents talk about school concerns for their children:
http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/09/07/back-to-school-worries-for-gay-parents/?_r=3

That’s a family:
http://groundspark.org/thats-a-family-trailer
http://groundspark.org/straightlaced-trailer

A Family is a family:
http://www.hbo.com/documentaries/#/HBO_GO/GOROSTGP28101

LGBTQ History and Prominent Icons:
• http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/02/08/prominent-black-lgbt-icons_4747530.html

Providing Support: “It gets better” website:
http://www.itgetsbetter.org

Becoming an ally:
http://www.glсен.org/blog/dear-ally-listen

Language:

Recognizing transphobic language:
http://mashable.com/2015/10/18/transgender-ally-words/#Hs5PxIKmKkqk

Understanding terminology:
Children’s and parents’ stories: Growing up transgender:

- http://www.welcomingschools.org/blog/entry/growing-up-trans-on-pbs-frontline-premiering-tuesday-june-30
- http://www.familycircle.com/family-fun/relationships/more-from-jodie-patterson/
- http://magazine.good.is/articles/raising-ryland-raises-awareness
- http://www.mtv.com/shows/laverne-cox-presents-the-t-word/

On coming out:

Boy Scouts:

Attempts to ban and save LGBT children’s books:

- http://www.thenewcivillightsmovement.com/uncumbered/texas_librarian_saves_lgbt_children_s_books_from_parents_who_want_them_banned

National Council of Teachers of English LGBT Position Statement:
http://www.ncte.org/positions/statements/teacherknowledgeLGBT

Teacher Discussions and Classroom Support

What teachers can do about bias and bullying of LGBTQ children and families:

What do you say to “That’s so gay”? 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDgSsiGG5PY
Teachable Moments:
http://www.welcomingschools.org/teachable-moments/

Children’s Books:

Making schools safer:
- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/melissa-mclaren/twelve-school-resources-f_b_8025134.html
- http://welcomingschools.com/blog/entry/new-guide-on-supporting-transgender-students-in-k-12-environments

Classroom Resources:
- Zinn Education Project: http://zinnedproject.org/teaching-materials/?themes=lgbt
- http://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/
- http://www.tolerance.org/lgbt-best-practices

Film: It’s Elementary: Talking about Gay and Lesbian Issues in Elementary Schools
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzrznSpf8V4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--uMU9BCVO5w
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBzMBabVddY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6J568-bU6o
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tupjs3-Lr2k

Activism to stop discrimination:
- Not in Our Town, Kansas school reacts to hate: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEiwBCpiA0E
- Not in Our Town: Newark, CA school reacts to hate crime against transgender student: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS3Tw3aX0bs
- Working With the Community to End LGBTQI Bullying: http://www.welcomingschools.org/pages/family-education-and-community-building

A Christian pastor’s embracing point of view:

Asian families supporting their LGBT offspring:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zjwRxHzsIs
Calculating incidents of homophobic language in social media:
www.nohomophobes.com

**Film - *All You Need***:
Trailer: [https://www.facebook.com/loveisallyouneedthemovie](https://www.facebook.com/loveisallyouneedthemovie)
*Love is All You Need* (the film):
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ROXTFkcfo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ROXTFkcfo)

**Straight and gay friendship, attending prom together in support of gay rights**:  

**Gender Just: Justice United for Societal Transformation**
[https://sites.google.com/site/genderjust/home](https://sites.google.com/site/genderjust/home)