

Call for Papers: Fall 2017

The Changing Landscape for LGBTIQ Families: Challenges and Progress

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LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, intersex, and queer) persons and their families are increasingly gaining positive recognition, government support, and civil rights guarantees. In the US and other Western countries, progress has been made in a variety of ways at all levels of government, from local anti-discrimination ordinances to state hate-crime protections to federal marriage equality. But numerous, significant challenges remain. LGBTIQ persons and their families still face legal and extralegal forms of discrimination, harassment, and violence in their workplaces, schools, doctor's offices, public facilities, and even in their own homes. For instance, in several states of the U.S. an LGBTIQ individual can legally be denied housing and employment. Hate crime protections for LGBTIQ individuals vary from state to state. Access to safe, affirming healthcare is not guaranteed for transgender or non-binary individuals. LGBTIQ youth continue to be bullied in schools and denied an education that includes queer history or positive sex education. Many face violence and hate speech from family at home, are forced to undergo dangerous conversion therapy, or are rejected and exiled.

For these reasons, and many more, it is necessary to consider the current varying and dynamic status of LGBTIQ families in relation to education, social welfare, criminal justice, healthcare, and any other social or political institution that plays a role in the lives of LGBTIQ people. We must understand the progress that has been made and continue to work to overcome the bias and prejudice that remains.

In light of this, manuscripts are being sought that contribute to advancing research, practice, and policy relating to LGBTIQ persons and their families. Topics for submission include, but are not limited to: family-based violence; family exile and youth homelessness; bullying in schools; suicide risk and prevention; hate crimes; anti-discrimination laws; access to public accommodations, employment, or housing; improving sex education or including LGBTIQ topics in public education; provision of family planning services; access and innovations in healthcare for transgender and non-binary individuals; sex/gender issues in sports and athletics. All of these issues directly impact the strength of families across the globe and require empirical attention.

Abstracts for consideration are due March 30, 2017. Please email the managing editor at ifs@childrenatrisk.org to submit an abstract, or for more information. Final manuscripts for peer review will be due May 30th, 2017.