



Telling Your Story

The Family Equality Council (formerly Family Pride) is the national advocacy organization committed to securing family equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer parents, guardians and allies. Our work consists of strategically linked initiatives—broad in scope, but simple in vision—love, justice, family, equality.

My name is: _____

I grew up in: _____ (city, state)

and currently make my home in: _____ (city, state)

My family includes: (first names, relationship to you, and age [if child or youth])

If you identify as LGBTQ (if not, please continue on the next page):

• I came out when I was: _____ (years old)

• because: (situation or circumstance)

• When I came out, the reactions of people important to me were:

• After I came out, I felt:

If you do not identify as LGBTQ:

- I first remember standing up for the rights of LGBTQ people when: (situation)

- I stand up for the rights of LGBTQ people because:

- The reactions I get when I'm standing up for LGBTQ rights are:

- Those reactions make me feel:

- I think it is so important to be an ally because:

If you are a parent (whether or not you are LGBTQ):

- I created my family by:

- I created my family when I was: _____ (age when you became a parent)

- It cost: _____ (dollars) to create my family

- because: (reason for cost)

If you have a partner (whether or not you are LGBTQ):

- I met my partner: _____ (partner's name)
- When I was: _____ (years old)
- When we met, my partner was: _____ (age)
- We met: (situation)

If you have children or plan on having children (whether or not you are LGBTQ):

- I first thought about being a parent when: (circumstance and situation)

- The discussion became more serious when:

For all parents:

- One of the greatest joys of parenting is:

- One of the challenges of parenting is:

- A tradition my family has is:

- Legally, my children are related to: (person and process)

For all parents (continued):

• _____ (name) is/are legally recognized as the decision maker(s) regarding the medical care of my child (or children).

• Regarding bullying, my children have told me: (atmosphere, policies, examples)

For everyone:

• I talk to other people about the importance of being an ally for LGBTQ families by:

• Three things that other people can do to help support LGBTQ families are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I believe that all loving families should be recognized, respected, protected, and celebrated and I need your help to make that happen. Because this isn't about gay or straight, it's about love, justice, family and equality.