



# The Impact of Family Acceptance & Rejection on the Health & Mental Health of LGBT Youth



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## Participants in the workshop will:

- Learn about the critical impact of family acceptance and rejection on promoting well-being and increasing risk for health and mental health problems for LGBT young people.
- Identify specific family reactions to an adolescent's LGBT identity that affect their risk and well-being for negative and positive health and mental health outcomes.
- Understand the urgent need for a family-related approach to working with LGBT youth in community, health, mental health, school and social service settings.
- Strategize about specific ways that participants can engage families in prevention and care-related activities for LGBT children and youth.
- Identify one specific change that participants can make in their work with LGBT, questioning and gender variant youth related to family assessment or engagement to decrease the young person's risk and promote their well-being.

**Michigan Social Work CE hours: 5 hours**  
This continuing social work education activity is sponsored by Western Michigan University, School of Social Work. Course approval number through the Michigan Continuing Education Collaborative is pending. For full CE credit, participants will be required to: sign in and out, provide their Michigan Social Worker identification number and complete a workshop evaluation.  
CE certificates will be mailed to participants after the session.

Western Michigan University  
College of Health & Human Services

Room 1010, 1240 Oakland Drive  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

**November 6, 2009**  
**9:00 am—3:00 pm**

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| <b>Training</b>                     | <b>\$ 30</b> |
| <b>Student rate</b>                 | <b>\$ 20</b> |
| <b>*CE Fee</b>                      | <b>\$ 15</b> |
| <b>*in addition to training fee</b> |              |

**Group Rate Available**  
Group rate=3 or more registrants from an organization. Prepayment required.  
Deduct 10% from training fee.

**Check-in & continental breakfast in room 1284 from 8:30-9:00 a.m.**

**Course target audience:**  
This event is appropriate for all human service professionals who work with families and youth.  
This training is appropriate for all social work practitioner levels.

**Call 269-387-3158 for directions or information**

# Schedule & Syllabus for November 6, 2009



- 8:30-9:00** Check-in/registration and continental breakfast
- 9:00-10:30** Introduction, Family Acceptance Project Overview
- 10:30-10:45** Break
- 10:45-11:15** Questions & Discussion of Family Acceptance Project
- 11:15-12:15** Assessing Community Readiness for Engaging Families with LGBT Youth (breakout)
- 12:15-1:00** Lunch (provided)
- 1:00-1:30** Group Discussion of breakout findings
- 1:30-3:00** Strategies & Planning – Incorporating a Family-Related Approach to Reducing Risk & Supporting LGBT Youth, Evaluation

**This facility complies with ADA access standards.**

**To ask questions, call Melinda McCormick at 269-387-3158 or email [melinda.m.mccormick@wmich.edu](mailto:melinda.m.mccormick@wmich.edu).**

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**Registrations must be mailed to the address below or faxed to Melinda McCormick at 387-3183.**

**Checks must be made out to Western Michigan University.**

**Registrations will be acknowledged via e-mail—please include your e-mail address.**

**\*\*\*\*Registration deadline is October 30, 2009\*\*\*\***

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Social Worker ID # \* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If paying for CE Hours, please provide your Social Worker identification number.*

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*To send parking information*

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Payment enclosed. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Training \$30.00  CE Units\* add \$15.00
- Student Rate \$20.00  Group Rate –10% training fee
- Please add me to the Continuing Education email list for the School of Social Work at WMU.

**Mail completed registration form and payment (if applicable) to:**

Melinda McCormick, School of Social Work, Western Michigan University,  
1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5354

**\*\*\* Failure to use address ↑ above will significantly delay your registration. \*\*\***

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