



# Trans Family Resources

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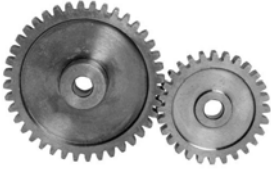
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## Resources for Trans Families

- *Trans-Forming Families: Real Stories About Transgendered Loved Ones* contains 31 essays written by loved ones of transgendered persons. \$13.95 (includes mailing) from Mary Boenke, 180 Bailey Blvd., Hardy, VA 24101-3528, or go to [www.aiyiyi.com/transbook](http://www.aiyiyi.com/transbook).
- PFLAG; Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; 1101 14th Street, N.W., Suite 1030; Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 638-4200 (phone); (202) 638-0243 (fax). As of September 1998, explicitly added "transgendered" to its mandate. Has more than 450 chapters across the country. Some include family members of transgendered persons or at least would welcome such family members. A few chapters include members of the Transgender Support Special Outreach Network. To contact the Transgender Support Special Outreach Network, contact [MaryBoenke@aol.com](mailto:MaryBoenke@aol.com) or check this website: [www.critpath.org/pflag-talk](http://www.critpath.org/pflag-talk). (This website also includes a list of all local pflag chapters).
- Straight Spouse Network; c/o Amity Pierce Buxton, Ph.D.; 8215 Terrace Drive; El Cerrito, CA 94530; (510) 525-0200 (phone); [dir@ssnetwk.org](mailto:dir@ssnetwk.org); [www.ssnetwk.org](http://www.ssnetwk.org). SSN is an international network of heterosexual women and men who are or once were married to gay, lesbian, bisexual and/or transgender partners, including 35 support groups. Members provide confidential personal support for resolving constructively disclosure and adjustment issues. Also shares resource information. Covers U.S., Canada, England, Israel, Australia, and more. Affiliated with both PFLAG and Family Pride Coalition. E-mail support group can be accessed at [www.mailinglist.net/str8s/](http://www.mailinglist.net/str8s/).
- *Transsexuals' Children* by R. Green reports on research on 18 children of transsexuals. <http://www.symposion.com/ijt/ijtc0601.htm>.
- *I Hope the Blood Never Washes Off Your Hands: Transgender Parenting Crossing the Lines* by Loree Cook-Daniels appeared in *Home Fronts: Controversies in Nontraditional Parenting* by Jess Wells, ed., Allyson Books, 2000, pp. 9-24.
- *Trumpet* by Jackie Kay (Pantheon Books, 1998). Fictional work that describes how a widow and adult son cope when the FTM spouse/father dies and his transsexuality becomes publicly known.

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## **Resources Primarily for Children of**

- DialUp -- For children of transsexual or transgendered parents. For information or to subscribe, contact [julieg@AMNIX.COM](mailto:julieg@AMNIX.COM).
- Adult Children of Transgendered Parents -- For children over 21. For information or to subscribe, contact [julieg@AMNIX.COM](mailto:julieg@AMNIX.COM).
- Kids of Gays --- Despite its name, this group, sponsored by COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gay Men Everywhere) explicitly welcomes children of transgendered persons. They have an e-mail list, a Web site, and an office in San Francisco. To reach them by e-mail, write [KidsOfGays@aol.com](mailto:KidsOfGays@aol.com).
- COLAGE; Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere; 2300 Market Street #165; San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 861-5437 (voice); (415) 255-8345 (fax); e-mail: [KidsOfGays@aol.com](mailto:KidsOfGays@aol.com) Newsletter, annual conference, pen-pal service, and support groups (particularly in the SF Bay Area.) Explicitly welcomes children of transgendered parents. [www.colage.org/](http://www.colage.org/).
- Trans Family Children Discussion List. For children of transitioning parents, including adult children. For information, contact [info@transfamily.org](mailto:info@transfamily.org), or see [www.transfamily.org](http://www.transfamily.org)

## **Resources Primarily for Trans people who are parenting and their co-parents**

- TSParents --- Primarily parents who are themselves MTFs or FTMs; some "exceptions" granted. Send plain-English subscription or information request to: [drmissy@net66.com](mailto:drmissy@net66.com). ([YahooGroups subscription information](#))
- [http://www.geocities.com/fasterthanlife\\_2000/family.html](http://www.geocities.com/fasterthanlife_2000/family.html) is an e-zine focused on alternative parenting - gay, lesbian and particularly transgendered.
- Family Pride Coalition; (Formerly Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International) P.O. Box 34337; San Diego, CA 92163; 619/296-0199 (phone); 619/296-0199 (fax); [www.familypride.org](http://www.familypride.org). Family Pride has a newsletter, many affiliated local chapters, and sponsors an annual conference. Mission statement now explicitly includes transgendered parents. Local chapters' supportiveness may be hit-or-miss. Particularly valuable resource if you're parenting in a relationship that looks like it has two parents of the same gender.
- Transparent (Oriented toward FTMs) This list is a resource for parents in families that include at least one FTM and children, although FTMs and/or partners who are considering having children or becoming "step-parents" are also welcome. It doesn't matter who birthed the child(ren) or by which method or in what kind of family structure the child(ren) were conceived, nor does it matter whether the FTM(s) have transitioned or even plan to transition. Parents of all sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, classes and types of "outness" or "closetedness" are welcome to participate. We will discuss issues pertinent to our lives including -- but not limited to -- kids and parenting within a trans context. Everyone is welcome who can behave appropriately. Go to [www.queernet.org](http://www.queernet.org) to request a subscription.