



Families Like Ours (FLO)—GLBTQ: SAFE program Program Fact Sheet

GLBTQ: SAFE (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning—Youth: Supportive Adoption & Foster Education)

Support for GLBTQ Youth & Families



OVERVIEW

The **SAFE** program is a private—public partnership between FLO, a long term community partner and stakeholder, DSHS and private agencies. **SAFE** provides support and education assistance in the permanency planning for:

- GLBTQ foster youth
- Families providing support for these youth
- Adoptive and foster families
- Professional teams working with GLBTQ youth and families

WHY IS THIS PROGRAM NEEDED

GLBTQ youth and the families that support these youth require specialized support services from caseworkers and agencies.

- Emergency placement for a newly identified GLBTQ youth
- Placement support in identifying a willing family to take a GLBTQ youth
- A frontline resource for professional teams working with GLBTQ youth and families
- Pre and post placement support network and mentoring for GLBTQ youth & families

FAMILIES LIKE OURS EXPERIENCE WITH GLBTQ YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Since October 2000 FLO has assisted hundreds of GLBTQ youth and families in the Pacific Northwest as well as nationally. FLO's ongoing recruitment, retention and education of families and professionals is well established. Working closely with professional teams, FLO has become an instrumental resource for caseworkers and agencies in providing the specialized services these youth and families require. This experience and the critical need to support these youth and families has led to the **SAFE** program first introduced in King County, Washington (Region Four). As a national adoption exchange, FLO continues to support the needs of GLBTQ adoptive families throughout the United States.

For more information, contact Families Like Ours at 1-877-230-3055.

Program Support

TOLL-FREE SUPPORT

206.441.7602
877.230.3055

SAFE PROGRAM ONLINE—

www.familieslikeours.org provides a program training calendar, case studies, literature and much more to support families and the professional team working with GLBTQ Youth & Families.

TRAINING

- Youth in the Margins: Understanding & working with GLBTQ youth in care
- GLBTQ Adoptive & Foster Family training for families and the professional team

FAMILIES — FLO provides access to adoptive and foster families, and families able to support GLBTQ youth

Families Like Ours, GLBTQ: SAFE program

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered & Questioning Youth: Supportive Adoption & Foster Education is a private-public partnership designed to provide support and education assistance in the permanency planning for GLBTQ foster youth, families, and professional teams including agencies and placement workers.

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