

## **GAY MARRIAGE: SAME-SEX PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN**

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### **Abstract**

The aim of this research about lesbian and gay parents and their children is to assist social workers, psychologists and other professionals to evaluate widespread beliefs in the light of empirical data and in this way improve the negative effects of unwarranted prejudice. To identify the necessary information will be used literature review as a research methodology. Research reviews comes from a number of sources: from the original APA publication Lesbian Parents and Their Children, from a PsycLit search on gay and lesbian parenting. This research paper will consists in three sections. In the first are summarized results of research on lesbian and gay adults (and parents). In the second section, results from research comparing children of lesbian and gay parents with those of heterosexual parents or with established norms is presented. The third section provides a brief conclusion. As this research will show, the results of existing research comparing gay and lesbian parents to heterosexual parents and children of gay or lesbian parents to children of heterosexual parents are quite uniform: common stereotypes are not supported by the data. Results of research to date suggest that children of lesbian and gay parents have normal relationships with peers and that their relationships with adults of both sexes are also satisfactory. There is no evidence to suggest that lesbians and gay men are unfit to be parents or that psychosocial development among children of gay men or lesbians is compromised in any respect relative to that among children of heterosexual parents. The evidence to date suggests that home environments provided by gay and lesbian parents are as likely as those provided by heterosexual parents to support and enable children's psychosocial growth. It should be stated that research on lesbian and gay parents and their children is still very new and relatively scarce.

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