

# New Research Offers Answers to Tough Questions For Families with Gay or Transgender Youth

Many parents feel conflicted when they learn their child is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. New research by the Family Acceptance Project (FAP) shows families how to support their GLBT children in ways that will increase their self esteem and lower their risk for suicide, drug abuse and HIV.

Dr. Caitlin Ryan, Director of the FAP, will share the groundbreaking research that demonstrates the dramatic impact families have on the physical and mental health of their gay and transgender children.

**When: Thursday & Friday, November 5 & 6**

**For:**

- Parents
- Youth
- Educators
- Clergy
- Therapists
- Community Leaders
- Health & Mental Health Providers
- Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice Providers
- Anyone Who Cares About Youth



## Please Join Us On:

### November 5

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Supportive Families, Healthy Children:**

**A Family Approach to Promoting Well-Being for LGBT Youth**

A presentation for leaders within the faith-based community.

Kalamazoo Public Library, VanDeusen Room, 315 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI

**FREE TO ATTEND**

**5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Community Reception** light refreshments (Presentation Follows)

**Please RSVP 269-553-8110. FREE TO ATTEND**

**6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beyond Tolerance: Promoting Family Support for LGBT Youth**

Fetzer Center, WMU, 2350 Business Court, Kalamazoo, MI

**FREE TO ATTEND**

### November 6

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Impact of Family Acceptance & Rejection on the Health & Mental Health of LGBT Youth** WMU, College of Health & Human Services, Kalamazoo, MI

Training \$30, CE Fee \$15, Register by 10/30/09. If interested, contact

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**\*\*RSVPs Needed for Reception on November 5. Phone 269-553-8110.\*\***