

Welcoming
and celebrating
all families
is an important part
of our work



"Tell me about
your family!"



To be welcoming and inclusive when asking someone about their family, try open-ended questions like:

2SLGBTQ stands for:

Two Spirit
Lesbian
Gay
Bisexual
Transgender
Queer

Who else is in your family?
Can you introduce me to the
people you arrived with?
What does this little person call you?



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Celebrating
2SLGBTQ
Families



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2SLGBTQ people have always existed

It is a myth that to be 2SLGBTQ is a new thing in the world. History shows us that societies across the globe have included 2SLGBTQ people since the beginning of time, and they have been valued and important in the community.

But this knowledge has been stolen

As colonization spread across the world, society changed in many ways. Discrimination and even hatred of 2SLGBTQ people grew, leading to violence, exclusion from their communities, and often forcing 2SLGBTQ individuals to hide their true selves. Unfortunately, this impact is still very present today.

Now, nature is coming back with pride

Many people are working to make sure that 2SLGBTQ people, families, and communities can have the same respect as all other people. We are part of this important effort to value every child, family, and identity.



Is my child too young to learn about 2SLGBTQ people?

When children learn about diversity and equality at young ages, they learn respect for all people from the beginning.

Does being around a 2SLGBTQ person make my child more likely to be gay?

Not at all. Research shows that it's not possible to change someone's sexuality or gender identity, no matter where they go or what they do.

Did you know? ☺

Cave paintings and burial rituals showing gay families exist from over 5000 years ago during the late Stone Age!

How many 2SLGBTQ families are there?

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The census tells us that there are about a million Canadian children with 2SLGBTQ parents!

Did you know? ☺

The law in Canada protects all people from discrimination or harassment, including people of every gender identity or sexual orientation.

All kids need love and care

No matter how many parents or caregivers a child has or what genders those parents are, the most important thing in a family is love and support.

Children may be raised by two moms, two dads, a mom and a dad, solo parents, step parents, grandparents, extended family or in other family styles. Research shows that most important thing is having parents or caregivers who love, nurture and teach the child—no matter how many or what genders.

