

# LGBTQI+ Inclusion Resources for Early Childhood Ed

## For Directors/Teachers/Community

### Books & Articles

**Supporting Gender Diversity in Early Childhood Classrooms: A Practical Guide.** (2019). Julie Nicholson, Julia Hennock, Jonathan Julian, Cyndi Maurer, Nathanael Flynn, Encian Pastel, Katie Steele, and Tess Unger.

From the book's organization: **Gender Justice in Early Childhood**

- **Resources:** <https://www.genderjusticeinearlychildhood.com/resources>
- **Gender Justice auditing tools** (for materials, curriculum, play, relationships, admin/HR, self-work, classroom culture and more):  
<https://lucy-shack-wz98.squarespace.com/classroom-audit-tool/environments-materials>

**“Foundations for Promoting LGBT+ Social Justice through Early Childhood Teacher Education.”** (2021). Adam S. Kennedy. Chapter 16 in *Teacher Education in the 21st Century: Emerging Skills for a Changing World*. Maria Jose Hernández-Serrano (Ed.) <https://www.intechopen.com/chapters/75580>

**“Tate and the Pink Coat: Exploring Gender and Enacting Anti-Bias Principles.”** (March 2019). Janice Kroeger, Abigail E. Recker and Alexandra C. Gunn, *Young Children*, Vol. 74, No. 1.  
<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/mar2019/exploring-gender-enacting-anti-bias>

**Gender independent kids: A paradigm shift in approaches to gender non-conforming children.** (2014). Jake Pyne. *The Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality*, 23(1), 1-8.

***Multicultural Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom: Approaches, Strategies and Tools, Preschool–2nd grade.*** (2013). Mariana Souto-Manning.

***Trans Allyship Workbook: Building Skills to Support Trans People in Our Lives.*** (2017). Davey Shlasko.  
<https://www.thinkagaintraining.com/shop/>

**The Gender Affirmative Model: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Supporting Transgender and Gender Expansive Children.** (2018). Colton Lawrence Keo-Meier and Diane Ehrensaft.

**The Gender Book.** (2013). Mel Reiff Hill & Jay Mays. <http://www.thegenderbook.com>

## Online Resources & Reports

**Schools in Transition:** A guide for supporting transgender students in K-12 Schools

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/schools-in-transition-a-guide-for-supporting-transgender-students-in-k-12-s>

**GLSEN:**

- **Model School Policy:** <https://www.glsen.org/model-laws-and-policies>
- **National School Climate Survey:** <http://live-glsen-website.pantheonsite.io/school-climate-survey>

### Gender Spectrum

Great for teacher and parent resources as well as school leaders and educational institution leaders (policy examples etc): <https://www.genderspectrum.org>

- Framework for gender-inclusive schools:  
<https://www.genderspectrum.org/articles/framework-for-gender-inclusive-schools>
- Further resources: <https://www.genderspectrum.org/articles/phe-resources>

**Welcoming Schools (Human Rights Campaign):** <https://welcomingschools.org/resources>

- Lots of lesson plans, book lists and resources:  
<https://welcomingschools.org/resources/gender-and-children-a-place-to-begin>
- Diverse book list: <https://welcomingschools.org/resources/books-diverse-families>
- For schools: <https://welcomingschools.org/resources/affirming-gender-in-elementary-school-social-transitioning>

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- Online course: The Gender Wheel
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<https://reflectionpress.com/free-stuff/gender-now-teacher-resources/>

**Queerspawn Resource Guide** (for kids of queer parents): <https://queerspawresource.org/resources-3/>

**PFLAG: Parents/Friends of Trans Section:** <https://pflag.org/transgender>

***Injustice at Every Turn: A report of the national transgender discrimination survey.***

<http://endtransdiscrimination.org/report.html>

**Transgender Law Center TRUTH Project** (video testimonies of trans children and families):

<https://ourtranstruth.org/>

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**SafeSchool Coalition:** <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/blackboard-teachers.html>

- Lesson plan/Curriculum ideas for Pre-K/Elementary (note the book lists here are out of date):  
[http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/RG-teachers\\_elementary.html](http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/RG-teachers_elementary.html)

**“What Kindergarten Taught me about Gender” TED TALK by Batya Greenbaum:**  
<https://youtu.be/yvJTsrWarrw>

### Picture Books

Most of these can be ordered at <https://tinyurl.com/9kn4kum8>, or find them at your local bookstore or library

#### Gender Diversity

##### ***Gender Now Coloring Book***

***The Gender Wheel***

***THEY, HE, SHE, ME***

***Call Me Tree: Llámame árbol***

Maya Christina Gonzalez

##### ***Being You: A First Conversation About Gender***

Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, Anne/Andy Passchier (Illustrator)

***The Bare Naked Book (2021 ed.)***

Kathy Stinson, Meilssa Cho (Illustrator)

***When Aidan Became a Brother***

Kyle Lukoff, Kaylani Juanita (Illustrator)

***My Maddy***

Gayle E. Pitman, Violet Tobacco (Illustrator)

***A House for Everyone: A Story to Help Children Learn about Gender Identity and Gender Expression***

Jo Hirst, Naomi Bardoff (Illustrator)

***It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity***

Theresa Thorn, Noah Grigni (Illustrator)

***Julián Is a Mermaid***

***Julián at the Wedding***

Jessica Love

***Jacob's Room to Choose***

***Jacob's New Dress***

***Jacob's School Play: Starring He, She, and They***

Sarah Hoffman, Ian Hoffman, Chris Case (Illustrator)

***What Are Your Words?: A Book about Pronouns***

Katherine Locke, Anne Passchier (Illustrator)

***Peanut Goes for the Gold***

Jonathan Van Ness, Gillian Reid (Illustrator)

Creature/Animal Personification - Gender Diversity and Inclusion

***Red: A Crayon's Story***

Michael Hall

***Neither: A Story About Being Who You Are***

Airlie Anderson

***Not Quite Narwhal***

Jessie Sima

***Worm loves Worm***

J. J. Austrian, Mike Curato (Illustrator)

Diverse Families

***The Great Big Book of Families***

Mary Hoffman, Ros Asquith (Illustrator)

***The Family Book***

Todd Parr

***Heather Has Two Mommies***

Lesléa Newman, Laura Cornell (Illustrator)

***Donovan's Big Day***

Lesléa Newman, Mike Dutton (Illustrator)

***Mommy, Mama, and Me***

***Daddy, Papa, and Me***

Lesléa Newman, Carol Thompson (Illustrator)

***Hugs of Three: My Daddies and Me***

***Hugs of Three: My Mommies and Me.***

Dr. Stacey Bromberg, Dr. Joe Taravella

***Harriett gets carried away***

Jessie Sima

***Stella Brings the Family***

Miriam B. Schiffer

***My Two Moms and Me***

Michael Joosten, Izak Zenou

***King and King***

***King and King and Family***

Linda de Haan, Stern Nijland

***What Makes a Baby***

Cory Silverberg