



Goals of this Training

- **Acknowledging that families are defined beyond biology**
- **Recognizing real life scenarios of transgender parents and children**
- **Expanding ideas of what is in the best interest of children**

<u>Erica</u>	<u>Allison</u>
1. Was married to Michael for 6 years before their divorce 2 years ago	1. Was born Michael and was married to Erica for 6 years
2. Has two children Amy (age 8) and Steven (age 5), with Michael	2. Informed her children Amy and Steven that she identifies as a woman and will be using the name Allison from now on.
3. Wishes to modify existing custody agreement based on Michael's new identification as a woman and gay relationship.	3. Has a new partner -Pamela 4. Fired from job because of discrimination and now having housing issue

Issues Raised

Children's Acceptance of Transgender Parents
How external discrimination can harm families
Sexual Orientation v. Gender Identity
Children being raised by same sex couples

<u>David</u>	<u>Jennie & Hector</u>
1. Biological parent of Maddie	1. Met 3 months into Jennie's pregnancy and moved in together 3 months later
2. Never married or lived with Jennie	2. Married before Maddie's birth
3. Left when he learned of Jennie's pregnancy	3. Maddie calls Hector Daddy
4. Had no contact with the child, Maddie, after she was born	4. Hector has transitioned and had a legal name change prior to Maddie's birth. 5. Hector's name is on Maddie's the birth certificate as the father

Issues Raised

Child development and Safety in LGBT Household
The Legality of Gender Change
Estoppel

<u>Peter</u>	<u>Jessie</u>	<u>Ellie</u>
1. Was married to Ellie for 17 years and until they recently separated	1. Is Peter and Ellie's child	1. Was married to Peter
2. Supports Jessie's decision to wear feminine clothing	2. Was born Justin	2. Has primary physical custody of their 14 year old child Justin
3. Filed for modification of custody given the change in circumstances	3. Since the age of 4 has insisted that she is a girl and would like to be called Jessie	3. Wants her son to act like a boy and wait until he is older to "decide" who he is
	4. At the age of 14 asked to begin hormone blockers, be allowed to dress as a girl in school and, to get a name change	4. Wants Peter's visitation changed based on best interest
	5. Wants to live with her father Peter	

Issues Raised

Gender Dysphoria in children
Custody Evaluation
Parental Consent for Legal Name Change and Medical Care

