



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**

Erica

1. Was married to Michael for 6 years before their divorce 2 years ago
2. Has two children Amy (age 8) and Steven (age 5), with Michael
3. Wishes to modify existing custody agreement based on Michael's new identification as a woman and gay relationship.

Allison

1. Was born Michael and was married to Erica for 6 years
2. Informed her children Amy and Steven that she identifies as a woman and will be using the name Allison from now on.
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

David

1. Biological parent of Maddie
2. Never married or lived with Jennie
3. Left when he learned of Jennie's pregnancy
4. Had no contact with the child, Maddie, after she was born

Jennie & Hector

1. Met 3 months into Jennie's pregnancy and moved in together 3 months later
2. Married before Maddie's birth
3. Maddie calls Hector Daddy
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>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was married to Ellie for 17 years and until they recently separated 2. Supports Jessie's decision to wear feminine clothing 3. Filed for modification of custody given the change in circumstances 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is Peter and Ellie's child 2. Was born Justin 3. Since the age of 4 has insisted that she is a girl and would like to be called Jessie 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 5. Wants to live with her father Peter 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was married to Peter 2. Has primary physical custody of their 14 year old child Justin 3. Wants her son to act like a boy and wait until he is older to "decide" who he is 4. Wants Peter's visitation changed based on best interest
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 10px;">Issues Raised</div> <p>Gender Dysphoria in children Custody Evaluation Parental Consent for Legal Name Change and Medical Care</p>		

