



a once-a-week way to advocate for family equality :: 52 ways to be OUTSpoken

Family Pride is the national non-profit organization committed to securing family equality in our lifetime. Our work consists of strategically linked initiatives—broad in scope, but simple in vision—love, justice, family, equality. We make change. We share information. We build community. We are visible.

The goal is to
make your family
visible by being
active and
present

Get a jump start this week

As parents, prospective parents, and busy family members we know it is hard to find the time to do much of anything besides change diapers, pack lunches, go to softball games, and proofread homework. Nonetheless, our families have some needs that are paramount—health, happiness and safety. We must ensure that LGBTQ-headed families are recognized, respected, protected and celebrated! By taking small actions once-a-week, you will be making big change for you and your family.

Make change. Share information. Build community. Be visible. Make it a habit, make it fun and include your whole family. Thank you for being OUTSpoken!

Put this on your fridge as a daily reminder to be OUTSpoken.

January—1st week	Send your family's holiday card or letter far and wide—include your representatives
January—2nd week	Fill out and hang up your legislative rolodex (pg 100 of the <i>Speaker's Toolkit</i>)
January—3rd week	Celebrate MLK day by taking your family to an event in your community
January—4th week	Volunteer with your family at a local nursing home and spend time with seniors—they vote!
February—1st week	Organize an inclusive Valentine's Day party—we can help
February—2nd week	Download and fill out <i>telling your family story</i> from the Family Pride website's publications
February—3rd week	Go as a family to visit your representatives in their district offices
February—4th week	Donate LGBTQ-inclusive books to your child's school library and your local library
March—1st week	Share your family photo with coworkers and ask them to share theirs
March—2nd week	Write a letter to the editor of a straight parenting magazine about family equality
March—3rd week	Check the policies of organizations you belong to—ensure they are transgender inclusive
March—4th week	Volunteer to help out at a school event—ask your youth first
April—1st week	Attend an LGBTQ parents group meeting—if there isn't one, start one!
April—2nd week	Discuss the value of <i>all</i> families being seen & heard with friends—download video-clips
April—3rd week	Contribute to Family Pride's OUTSpoken campaign in honor of your family
April—4th week	Be visible—adopt a portion of a highway with your local parents group
April—5th week	Submit a picture of your family to the Family Pride website— www.familypride.org
May—1st week	Write an Op-Ed to a local paper for mothers/fathers/grandparents day about family equality
May—2nd week	Apply to be have your family story highlighted as Family of the Month on our website
May—3rd week	Throw a marriage equality party this week celebrating the MA victory from May 17, 2004
May—4th week	Organize LGBTQ-headed families to march in your pride parade—make a banner or a float
June—1st week	Last day of school—provide feedback by giving your school an inclusivity report card

Fill out your speakers profile at www.familypride.org/OUTSpoken.html to receive even more ideas and creative examples to be OUTSpoken.

June—2nd week	Give a wedding gift of family equality—make a donation to Family Pride
June—3rd week	Arrange a play-date, family picnic or a get-together with other families in your neighborhood
June—4th week	Read about Stonewall—throw an anniversary party to commemorate its significance
July—1st week	Celebrate Independence Day—invite friends and neighbors to share family time
July—2nd week	Give LGBTQ-inclusive books as birthday gifts
July—3rd week	Make shirts for your family that say, “equality for <i>all</i> loving families”—be creative!
July—4th week	Connect to people who care about equality—become a pen pal at www.familypride.org
July—5th week	Submit a birth/adoption/graduation/anniversary announcement to the paper
August—1st week	Gear up for '08—make sure everyone in your building/block is registered to vote
August—2nd week	Invite your mayor or school board member to join you at an LGBTQ parents gathering
August—3rd week	Ensure that <i>all</i> forms in your school district read: Parent/Guardian 1, 2, 3, 4 not Mom/Dad
August—4th week	Download, use, and distribute Family Pride's <i>Back to School Tool</i>
September—1st week	Labor Day—talk to your supervisor and colleagues about anti-discrimination policies
September—2nd week	Volunteer or become the homeroom parent at your child's school
September—3rd week	Host a movie night with an ally and show an LGBTQ-inclusive film
September—4th week	Be an active voice with the PTA—go to meetings regularly, bring allies, and speak out!
September—5th week	Visit Family Pride's blog and/or start one of your own
October—1st week	Offer to read an LGBTQ-inclusive book (provide one) at the next story hour
October—2nd week	Talk to your healthcare provider and employer about why LGBTQ rights are critical to health
October—3rd week	Write a letter to your legislator about how thankful you are to have your family
October—4th week	Create allies—send your friends and family to the ally section of the Family Pride website
November—1st week	Vote in local elections—set an example by taking your family to the booth with you
November—2nd week	Download, print and bring <i>at a glance: our extended families</i> handouts to Thanksgiving
November—3rd week	Honor National Adoption Day—tell family & friends about the state of unjust adoption laws
November—4th week	Invite a school board member and potential ally families for dinner—discuss family equality
December—1st week	Give the gift of family equality this holiday season—make donations as gifts
December—2nd week	Find local gay straight alliances and let them know you are available for support
December—3rd week	Submit your parents group information to the Family Pride website so others can find you
December—4th week	Tell your family story to a complete stranger
December—5th week	Read or reread your <i>OUTSpoken Families Speaker's Toolkit</i> cover-to-cover

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Can you afford not to support family equality?

Give money. Give what fits in your family's budget. Make it personal—give in honor or in memory of someone. An annual gift of \$6 is 50¢/month. Major donor benefits begin at \$100/month.

Give time. Whether you can translate materials, help with a mailing or assist with childcare, each hour makes a huge difference.

Give in-kind. When you have space or goods to offer, let us know. Examples include free advertising, donating food and providing space to host an event.

Make the commitment to fight for family equality by going to www.familypride.org/donate today! All resources help build community power—thank you!

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