

LEAP CALL TO ACTION!



We invite **YOU**—parents and families in the Brooklyn and Queens community—to take action and learn new and healthier ways to support your LGBTQ+ child.

"I have now started to accept that Darnell can have a happy life, even if it's not what I pictured for him."
-- Lynette,
Brooklyn

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Did you know when parents reject their LGBTQ+ child, this increases their risk of...

Suicide by... **8x** Depression by... **6x** Substance use by... **3x** HIV and STIs by... **3x**

But a little bit of family acceptance goes a long way...

Not only are LGBTQ youth likely to be healthier with greater family acceptance, but they are also happier. **92%** of LGBTQ+ youth with accepting families believe they will live a happy life, compared to only **1 in 3** whose families are not at all accepting.

How can I help my LGBTQ+ child live a happy life?

- Express acceptance if your child comes out as LGBT.
- Encourage your child to speak openly and honestly about who they are.
- Welcome your LGBT child to participate in all family activities.
- Encourage all family members and close friends to respect your LGBT child.
- Believe your LGBT child can have a happy future as an adult.
- Invite your LGBT child's friends to your home and to family events.
- Advocate for your LGBT child when he or she is bullied, harassed, or discriminated against.

What is the LGBTQ+ Education and Acceptance Project (LEAP)?

- CAMBA's LGBTQ+ Education and Acceptance Project provides support to parents and families to help them understand and accept their LGBTQ+ youth.
- LEAP promotes family acceptance through educational presentations, parent support groups, one-on-one counseling, a social marketing campaign, and a youth filmmaking program.



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