

Familles arc-en-ciel Participant Letter

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Dear Participant,

In order to build awareness of rainbow families and supplement literature on children's health, we are interested in studying the homosexual parents' perceptions of their children's social integration in primary school. We are interested in your experience and point of view on this topic. We are looking for participants who are a homosexual couple (male or female) who have a child together (through adoption or other methods), and that child (or children) are in or have recently completed primary school. If this criteria matches your family, we would love to hear about your experience as a parent.

Aim of study:

We have chosen to study homosexual parents experiences of their children's social integration in school as we feel children's social integration is an important marker of development and mental health. We are curious to discover how parents experience/see their children's integration in school and their child's understanding of their relationship. We have seen in the school system in Switzerland and still around most of the world that the "traditional" family is still a core principle in teaching curricula. We are interested to know if homosexual parents perceive this and if their children are treated differently at school for having a unique family structure.

Length of interview:

The interview will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. It will be conducted in a quiet, private and comfortable space for you. We would be happy to come to your home if you are comfortable with this. The interview will also be completed at an agreed time that is suitable for you.

Anonymity:

Your privacy is important to us and we can guarantee your anonymity.

Your participation:

Your participation is valued, but we understand it is voluntary. You will have the right to intervene at any time. You may choose to stop at any time without ramifications and your input will not be used. You will also have the right to interrupt at any time to clarify something, or for any other reason. If you need a break, please let your interviewer know and we can pause at any time.

We thank you for considering participating in this research project and assisting us in our development as young researchers. We will be happy to share our results with you after we have analyzed and written them (by mid-January).

Please contact us at the addresses at the top of this page if you have any questions. Thank you.