

Study Announcement

Do you have a child, grandchild, or other family member who is transgender, gender-nonconforming, or gender creative (i.e., his/her gender identity and/or expression differs from societal expectations for her/his birth sex?)

Are you experiencing or have you experienced custody or visitation issues pertaining to that family member's gender identity and/or expression?

If you answered “yes” to the above two questions, you are invited to participate in a study of transgender/gender-creative children and their families who are currently experiencing – or have ever experienced – custody and/or visitation issues/challenges/concerns in relation to the child's gender identity or expression.

This longitudinal study is being conducted by researchers at Miami University of Ohio, the University of Minnesota, and Clark University in Massachusetts, with assistance from a staff attorney at the National Center for Lesbian Rights. The goal of the study is to learn about the experiences of families with transgender and gender-creative children and to identify protective factors that promote the well-being of these youth. As the parent, grandparent, or other family member of a transgender/gender-creative child, you will be asked to complete online standardized questionnaires and to answer in-depth interview questions (via a telephone or email) two times over the next three years. After each phase of the study, you will receive a \$25 gift card to a local retailer as a thank you for your participation. Participants' identifying information will be kept confidential. This study has been approved by the Miami University Institutional Review Board: 00993r.

If you are interested in participating, and/or if you have any questions about this study, please contact Kate Kovalanka, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Family Studies and Social Work, at kuvalanka@miamiOH.edu or (513) 529-8058.