

pivot

turning points for lgbtq children and families

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There is a place and time when a child is outed. Sometimes the child voices their own recognition of a difference in themselves to a parent, teacher, caregiver, or trusted adult; other times it is beyond the child's choice. This coming out time is full of fear and trepidation, as the child awaits a reaction and the witness to this life-changing event is forced to react or shut down.

This moment, and the time following it, is pivotal. Life can get much better as families grow in understanding and support, or it can fall to pieces as all involved struggle with fear and resistance. The child from the latter family may become isolated, abused, neglected or suicidal. Studies have shown that LGBTQ children who find support at home are more successful in school and less likely to fall into addiction, depression, or isolation.

We want to be there for those families at this "pivot" point.

Pivot is designed to support both the caregivers and the dependent by providing counselor-led support, education and community to ensure healthy outcomes. Pivot will meet each week in two rooms with two facilitators. One room will be for the kids, the other room for the adults in their lives who care for them. The facilitators will alternate groups each week so they get to know and lead both groups. The facilitators will work together to provide a continuous experience for both groups.

Every six weeks, the groups will meet together as families learn to grow and support each other in becoming stronger and more unified.

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