

## Beyond the rainbow: Connecting, supporting and empowering diverse families

All families are different. Children from diverse families, including those with LGBTQ+ parented families experience increased disadvantage and suffering.

It is vital for all education and care services to be proactive in designing environments that are welcoming for all families and planning for education on family diversity even if the service does not yet have many or any diverse families.

Whether a child is from a single-parent, stepparent, LGBTQ+ parented family or a culturally diverse family, they deserve to be welcomed into settings that embrace them fully.

Early childhood education and care is well positioned to reduce discrimination and disadvantage for diverse families through practical and embedded celebration of family diversity.

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