



Judson Center

ChildSafe
MICHIGAN



FOSTER CARE TRAINING

Parenting LGBTQ+ Youth

April 10 | 6-8 PM | Zoom

The core purposes of this training include:

- Set a new base for understanding the harms LGBTQ+ children and youth experience at home and in foster care
- Help you understand the attitudes and behaviors that promote safety, permanency, and well-being with LGBTQ+ Youth.
- Understand the unique needs of trans and nonbinary children and youth in care.

Using prepared content, videos, and discussion, this training provides information on LGBTQ+ terminology, identity development, and misconceptions. The impact of family accepting and rejecting behaviors when a child “comes out” will be explored and guidance will be provided on ways to promote the well-being of an LGBTQ+ child whether or not you agree with or support their LGBTQ+ identity.



[Register for Zoom Meeting](#)

Meet Your Facilitator

Jerry Peterson was the executive director of Ruth Ellis Center for 10 years focusing on the well-being of LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness in Metro Detroit. Jerry also served as a pastor for 11 years prior to working with MDHHS. Jerry identifies as gay and is the father of three adult children and proud “Pappa” of five grandchildren. He has deep compassion and drive to support families whether they affirm or struggle with the LGBTQ+ identity of a child in their care.



LOCATIONS

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