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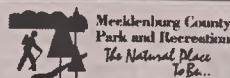
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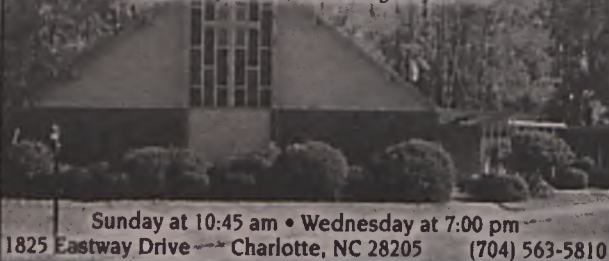
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Family Equality Council

www.familyequality.org

Envisioning a future where all families, regardless of creation or composition, will be able to live in communities that recognize, respect, protect and celebrate them. A national lobbying, advocacy, education and support organization, the Family Equality Council works to ensure equality for LGBT families by building community, changing hearts and minds and advancing social justice for all families. Family Equality Council was formerly known as Family Pride.

COLAGE

www.colage.org

Founded by young people and their parents, COLAGE, or Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, is a national network and movement of children, youth and adults with one or more LGBT parent. COLAGE builds community and works toward social justice through youth empowerment, leadership development, education and advocacy. COLAGE envisions a world in which all families are valued, protected, reflected and embraced by society and all of its institutions.

American Psychological Association

www.apa.org/pi/parent.html

With an entire microsite devoted to LGBT parenting, the American Psychological Association (APA) provides a plethora of information, resources, facts and statistics on issues such as the mental health of gay parents and their children. Often under attack by the religious right, LGBT parents should definitely check out the APA's studies, surveys, legal reviews and other informational resources.

Mombian

www.mombian.com

Founded as a personal blog by mother Dana Rudolph, Mombian.com has morphed into the premier blog and online news and resource website for LGBT parents. Rudolph, who also publishes a column on parenting in several organizations, is a smart and engaging blogger with a keen sense of news, politics, law and society.

Proud Parenting

www.proudparenting.com

Proud Parenting is a social networking, blogging and information resources website targeted to and tailored for LGBT parents. Articles and resources include information on marriage, domestic partnerships, child rearing, child development, activism and advocacy, legal and financial matters and more. ▀

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