

# Rainbow Families DC LGBTQ+ Family Conference May 14, 2022 PROGRAM AGENDA



**8:15 - 9:00** **Welcome Arrivals, Check-In, Breakfast** Bring Your Breakfast to the Gymnasium Visit with One Another - Reconnect

**9:00-10:15** **Opening Ceremony** Gymnasium Enjoy Your Breakfast During the Opening Ceremony Hear from Special Guest, V Spehar - Host of *Under the Desk News* & the *LA Times TikTok* Join Us in Celebrating Our HERO of the YEAR & VOLUNTEER of the Year Awards

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**10:25-11:35** Working with an Attorney to Build Your Family through Adoption or ART Jennifer Fairfax Intimacy After Parenthood Tamara Pincus Our Mental Health in Times of Continued Stress Jordan Costen-Sumpter Overcoming Awkward Discussions with Medical Providers (Especially Less Than Affirming Ones) S. Olayinka Akinola-Hadley Why Not Me, Why Not You? Fostering Teens When the System is Failing Vanetta Hanshaw and Casey Arseneault Antiracist Parenting - Supporting Our Children of Color Azeb Kinder

**11:50-1:00** Why Don't My Kids Listen To Me? Positive Parenting Tools For Cooperation & Resilience Colleen Reed The Rainbow Sandwich Generation - No Longer Young, Not Quite Old Sophia Ross Navigating the Emotional Maze of Family Building Dr. Julie Bindeman Books for Everyone - Diverse Representation for Queer Families Ty Kitchen and Shreya Basu Rainbow Families' Parents of Color Group Shay Taylor-El ABC's of Domestic Infant Adoption & Healthy Relationships with Birth Family Janice Goldwater

**1:00-2:30** **Lunch and Resource Fair** Gymnasium Visit Our Sponsors

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**2:30-3:40** Perspectives: Youth & Adult Children of LGBTQ+ Parents Maddie Arnold-Scerbo and Amanda Barry-Moilanen Difficult Questions Children Ask About God, Faith and Religion Dr. Bradley Beach Financial Security in an Unpredictable World Fran Toler Affirming Sex Ed at Home, for OUR Families Scotney Young and Jerry St. Louis Pandemic Life: Supporting Young Children's Developing Social Skills Amy Egan and Amy Freedman Building Your Family with a Gestational Surrogate and/or a Donor Meryl B Rosenberg

**3:55-5:00** How to Speak with Yourself Before Speaking with Your TGNC Child Regi Corbie Foster Care: Parenting for Resiliency and Healing Delois Pearsall Preparing Our Young Children in LGBTQ+ Families for Success at School Amanda Mesa and Christine Mesa Preparing Our Middle School Children in LGBTQ+ Families for Success at School Wesley Thomas Child Sex Trafficking - "It Could Never Happen In My Family" Alex Ballard and Olivia Lakes Preventive Health Care for All KT Sylvia and Jenny Marten

**5:00-5:30** **Conference Concludes** Socialize with One Another

**5:15-5:30** Shuttles from Barrie School to Glenmont Station One departure at 5:15, another at 5:30 Agenda, Workshop Topics, Presenters are Subject to Change