



## LGBTQ+ Institute and Dr. Lulu's Pride Corner present the Parents Supporting Parents Cohort at the 2024 LGBTQ+ Symposium:

The LGBTQ+ Institute, OUT Georgia, The Trevor Project, and Dr. Lulu's PRIDE Corner co-present the 2024 LGBTQ+ Symposium: Investing in Our Future, which is an effort to mobilize communities across Georgia and the South with a shared commitment to the next generation of leaders. In a celebration of Pride Month in Atlanta, given that the Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade is in October, this 3-day event will include an opening reception and keynote at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, a second day of workshops, panels centering parents of LGBTQIA+ children while prioritizing mentorship and support for youth, and a final day of workshops and a community marketplace.

### Dr. Lulu's PRIDE Corner

Is a family-focused gender and sexuality-affirming coaching and consulting practice. We cater to families of LGBTQ+ children from ages 3 and up who desire to support and affirm their children. Here at the PRIDE corner, we believe that gender affirmation is a family affair and it is much more hormones and surgery. It is freedom of thought, will and self-expression. It is respect for each other and our sovereign right to exist. It is pronouns, it is color, it is air and much more. Our Mission: "Empowering families, organizations, and healthcare providers through LGBTQ+ education, support, and advocacy." Our Vision: "A world where LGBTQ+ persons and their families are embraced, affirmed, supported and left alone."

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### Day 1 | Thursday, June 6 from 6pm - 9pm:

Opening reception and Safara Malone keynotes at National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Read more details at: [www.lgbtq-symposium.org](http://www.lgbtq-symposium.org)

**Day 2 | Friday, June 7**

11:45 AM — 12:35 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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50 min	Georgia State University Student Center-State Ballroom	The Intersection of Faith and Family: Finding Love and Affirmation	Are you stuck at the intersection of faith and family while supporting your LGBTQ+ child? Join us for an illuminating discussion. This panel brings together religious individuals to explore the complex dynamics between faith, family, and LGBTQ+ acceptance. Through personal insights and shared experiences, our panelists will guide parents in navigating the often challenging terrain of reconciling religious beliefs with unconditional love for their LGBTQ+ children. Discover strategies for fostering affirmation, understanding, and support within the intersection of faith and family.	Moderated by, Letitia Campbell, Candler School of Theology, LGBTQ+ Institute Advisory Board Member  Featuring: Shapri D. LoMaglio, Principal at Raben, Faith Strategies Group;  Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington, the President & Founder of the Washington Consulting Group,  Gabrielle Claiborne, Co-Founder of Transformational Journeys  Leslie Anderson, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Atlanta
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1:55 PM — 2:40 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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50 min	Georgia State University Student Center-State Ballroom	Legislation and your LGBTQ+ Child-Fireside Chat	Part dialogue and part audience conversation, join us for an insightful fireside chat tailored for parents of LGBTQ+ children. In this empowering session, we delve into strategies for handling the myriad of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation currently	Moderated by Dr. Elijah Nicholas, Founder and Chairman of The Global Trans Equity Project (GTEP), formally known as 100 Black Trans Men, Inc.  Ben Ackerly, Metro Atlanta Chapter Co-chair of
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			circulating. Our esteemed panelists will offer guidance, resources, and support to empower parents in advocating for their children's rights and navigating legal landscapes with confidence and resilience.	TransParent  Aubri Escalera, Legislative Aide and LGBTQIA+ Liaison for the office of State Rep. Park Cannon
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<b>2:45 PM – 3:35 PM</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Moderators</b>
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50 min	Georgia State University Student Center-State Ballroom	How to Navigate Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia and Interphobia at Home, at the Workplace, and Elsewhere	Join Dr. Lulu for a transformative plenary session dedicated to creating an open and affirming space for parents of LGBTQ+ children. Share stories, resources, and experiences while celebrating the joys and challenges of supporting your LGBTQ+ children. Dr. Lulu will lead heartfelt conversations, fostering mutual support, laughter, and encouragement. Together, let's explore ways to foster love, acceptance, and understanding, creating a brighter future for all LGBTQ+ children. Come join us for an empowering session filled with camaraderie, compassion, and connection in support of our LGBTQ+ youth.	Moderated by Gabrielle Claiborne, Co-Founder of Transformational Journeys  Martha Caldwell, VP of Learning and Development at iChange Collaborative, and  Selima Morrow, Director of Community Partnerships at Point Source Youth
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3:40 PM – 4:00 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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20 min	Georgia State University Student Center- State Ballroom	Day 2: Closing Keynote by Dr. Lulu   Unlearning & Affirming, My Journey with a Transgender Child	Queer pediatrician, life coach and proud parent of her transgender child, Dr. Lulu, shares her story of going from an unaffirmed queer teen to becoming an affirming mother of a Black transgender young adult woman, a fierce parent-ally, advocate and activist for the queer community and for parents like her.	Dr. Lulu
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4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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45 min	Georgia State University Student Center- State Ballroom	Plenary: Demystifying Gender Affirming Care	When you think of gender-affirming care, what thoughts come up for you? Join Dr. Lulu and local healthcare experts for 'Demystifying Gender-Affirming Care.' This session cuts through myths and misinformation surrounding gender-affirming healthcare beyond surgery. Learn firsthand what gender affirmation entails, where to access affirming care, and how to navigate healthcare systems effectively in 2024.	Jaime Stepansky moderates a panel with:  Dr. Lulu, of Dr. Lulu's Pride Corner  Dr. Betsy Collins, MD, MPH, FACOG, Emory Distinguished Clinician  Safara Malone, Transgender Activist and Harvard Class of 2027
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**Day 3 | Saturday, June 8**

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
50 min	National Center for Civil and Human Rights- Glenn A	Parents United in Love: Embracing Our Identities as Joyful and Affirming Parent and Allies	Join Dr. Lulu for a transformative discussion dedicated to creating an open and affirming space for parents (by nature, chosen, and found) of LGBTQ+ children. Share stories, resources, and experiences while celebrating the joys and challenges of supporting your LGBTQ+ children. Dr. Lulu will lead heartfelt conversations, fostering mutual support, laughter, and encouragement. Together, let's explore ways to foster love, acceptance, and understanding, creating a brighter future for all LGBTQ+ children. Come join us for an empowering session filled with camaraderie, compassion, and connection in support of our LGBTQ+ youth.	<p>Moderated by Dr. Lulu with panelists:</p> <p>Cory George, Trauma/Mental Health Consultant, Interventionist, Author, Public Speaker</p> <p>Lisa Chiang, Lawyer and supportive parent ally of Devin and Veran</p> <p>Abeke Baker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, All 1 Family Mental Health Services</p> <p>Todd Croom (he/him) Husband, Father, Servant Leader</p>