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**Considering Same-Sex Parenting:  
Implications for Psychotherapeutic  
Work with Families**

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## Key Points

- Acknowledging that LGBT parents are pioneering new family relationships
- Issues involving both similarities and differences within and across families
- Challenge of connecting with others outside the LGBT family circle
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