

Take the ACS Affirming Home Pledge!

I pledge to open my affirming home to a LGBTQAI+ youth in foster care by taking the following actions:

1. Treat all children in my home equally and with equity.
2. Express acceptance if my child comes out as LGBTQAI+.
3. Encourage my LGBTQAI+ child to speak openly and honestly about whom they are.
4. Welcome my LGBTQAI+ child to participate in all family activities.
5. Encourage all family members and close friends to respect and accept my LGBTQAI+ child.
6. Invite my LGBTQAI+ child's friends to my home and to family events.
7. Work to make my community and faith groups supportive of LGBTQAI+ people.
8. Advocate for my LGBTQAI+ child if they are bullied, harassed, or discriminated against.
9. Take actions not to expose my child to homophobic, transphobic, or non-affirming environments, organizations, places, and people.
10. Connect my LGBTQAI+ child to affirming medical, mental health, and support services.
11. Introduce my LGBTQAI+ child to affirming organizations and events.

I take this pledge because I believe all children, no matter their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, deserve to feel safe, supported, and nurtured at home.