

Child and Family Policy Center Policy Statements on
Children, Families, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

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Policy Statement One

The Child and Family Policy Center supports policy efforts to remove discriminatory barriers against children and youth based upon their sexual orientation or gender identify. Discrimination and prejudice against children and youth because of their sexual orientation or gender identity causes harm. Most particularly, CFPC has and continues to support the “anti-bullying” legislation enacted by the Iowa General Assembly.

Policy Statement Two

CFPC has been asked for its policy position on gay and lesbian marriages and recognizes this as a child and family policy.

CFPC supports civil unions for gay and lesbian couples and the attendant legal rights they provide, particularly to children – to health insurance coverage, inheritance, and clear legal guardianship and custody. CFPC recognizes that children need consistent care and nurturing from adults and that children do best when they are in loving families.

CFPC supports the rights of gay and lesbian couples to marriage. CFPC further supports policies that provide gay and lesbian individuals and couples with the same rights to become foster parents and adoptive parents as other individuals and couples. Discrimination and prejudice against parents because of their sexual orientation causes harm to children as well as their parents.