

Expanding Your 2SLGBTQIA+ Family: Exploring Options

An *online* class overview of options for 2SLGBTQIA+ people seeking to have children

Offered: April 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM

or May 21 at 7:30 PM

Open to people in Canada and the US

On Zoom

The Details

As a queer, trans or Two-Spirit person it can be hard to figure out how to have kids, and it can be an overwhelming process to start. That's where this class comes in: it offers a brief overview of the different ways that 2SLGBTQIA+ people can expand their families, as well as things to consider.

- 1.5 hour class about family building options in a 2SLGBTQIA+ centred, anti-oppressive environment
- Learn about options: adoption, surrogacy, IVF, donor sperm & egg, fertility clinic or at-home
- We'll be giving a broad overview, so you can move on to research the specifics in your geographic area
- This is a gender-affirming class: gender will not be assumed based on biology, and we will cover family planning options for trans people who have banked their genetic material
- Facilitated by therapist Brett Mason & sex educator Wyatt Dahl, a queer couple who adopted their child

This group is for:

- 2SLGBTQIA+ people who live in Canada or the US
- People who are starting to think about expanding their family or who are doing future planning

Fees:

- \$40 Canadian (CAD)
- \$30 CAD early bird rate (if registered a month early)
- Sliding Scale available \$5 to \$25 CAD - email to access

To register or ask questions: www.BrettMason.JaneApp.com or via email at BrettMasonOffice@gmail.com

Topics covered

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1. Adoption: Local Private or Public, limited international
2. Surrogacy and gestational carrying: donor egg or traditional surrogacy
3. Getting pregnant: at-home insemination, IVF, using fertility clinics, known or banked sperm, conceiving with banked sperm, reciprocal IVF
4. Legalities and costs to consider
5. Timelines and processes to consider

Including:

- Resource sheet on where to get more information on different options
- List of podcast, book, film and other media recommendations featuring 2SLGBTQIA+ families with kids

Facilitator Bios



Left to right: Brett Mason, Wyatt Dahl & their kiddo, December 2023

Brett and Wyatt live together on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada on Stz'uminus, Penelakut, Snuneymuxw, and Quw'utsun Territory with their kiddo, dog, and chickens.

Brett Mason, MSW, RSW (all pronouns) is a counsellor in private practice who works with individuals, groups, and families, and additionally as an educator and clinical supervisor. He primarily works with 2SLGBTQIA+ people and their families. They bring with them over 13 years of experience working in 2SLGBTQIA+ affirming care, and a lifetime of lived experience as a disabled queer and trans person of French, English, Irish and Germanic descent. Above all else, Brett considers being a Dad the best.

Wyatt Dahl (they/he) is white, fat, queer & trans person who immigrated to so called Canada about six years ago. They are a parent of a toddler and you can generally find him in the kitchen creating magic (or maybe just cleaning it all up), in a body of water, reading (often the same book 7 times over to their kiddo), or introverting. He has worked within sexual health and sex education for over 12 years and counting. They're a college drop out and grew up unschooled. You can say Wyatt has always thought outside the box.