

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT)

Marriage can mean a lot of different things to GLBT people. There's an active movement to legalize same-sex marriage (the Freedom to Marry movement); as a result, several states recognize marriages and other unions. The Alternatives to Marriage Project is a strong supporter of this movement -- we believe all people should be able to choose whether they want to marry or not (see our position statement on same-sex marriage).

On the other hand, significant numbers of GLBT people say they wouldn't want to marry even if same-sex marriage were legal (these folks may find perspectives of interest to them in the Marriage-free section). Some GLBT families wouldn't fit a model of marriage that's based on couples -- for instance, sometimes a gay couple and a lesbian couple form a family to parent their children together (and that's only the beginning of the creative, thriving non-traditional family structures that aren't unusual in the GLBT community). Some GLBT folks take pride in the way their community has formed strong, flexible relationships and families outside the boundaries of marriage, and have no desire to take part in the institution when same-sex marriage is legalized.

AtMP's founders and Executive Director are pleased to be among the original signatories on "Beyond Same-Sex Marriage: A New Strategic Vision for All Our Families & Relationships". Read the short version of the statement [here](#) or read the entire statement and view all of the signatories at www.beyondmarriage.org

Although civil marriage is still not an option for most GLBT people in the U.S., growing numbers are married. Some are lucky enough to live in Massachusetts; some have traveled to the provinces in Canada that recognize same-sex marriage. Some people marry a different-sex partner and later come out as gay or lesbian. Bisexual people may not be able to marry if they fall in love with a same-sex partner, but can if their sweetie is different-sex. Depending on state laws and the legal gender of the partners, some transgender people are able to marry. Lots of bi and trans people who have the option to marry choose not to, in solidarity with their GLBT friends who can't.

Here in the GLBT area, you'll find:

GLBT FAQ

Frequently-asked GLBT marriage questions, and answers.

Same-sex Marriage FAQ

Frequently-asked questions about where you can have a same-sex marriage, civil union, domestic partnership or other recognition, and what are the differences between them all?

Legal and Financial Issues

Whether you're living with one partner or many, whether your partnership is same-sex or different-sex, one day you'll have questions. We help you find answers.

GLBT Books & Links

Including links to freedom to marry groups, groups that don't believe same-sex marriage should be the goal, information on GLBT parenting, and other GLBT groups and websites.

Marriage Boycott

Information about the movement of straight couples refusing to marry until gay couples have equal marriage rights.