



Living Language

Bothie

Refers to someone who was born into a heterosexual/cisgender relationship and whose parents later both came out as LGBTQ. Also applies to instances where LGBTQ people come together to create families, such as a lesbian couple and a gay male friend who decide to conceive together or a transgender man and his cisgender male partner who conceive together.

COLAGEr

Identity term for youth and adults with one or more LGBTQ parents/ guardians. Used particularly by youth who have been involved with COLAGE, the only national organization focused on people with LGBTQ parents/guardians.

Culturally Queer

Speaks to the feeling shared by many people with LGBTQ parents that they grew up immersed in queer culture, including traditions, celebrations, media, and language. Queerspawn are often raised in the queer community and learn about society primarily through a queer lens, and experience heterosexual culture and its norms as a secondary cultural influence.

DC (Donor Conceived)

Born through the use of a donor. This includes people conceived using a egg donor and/or sperm donor. Some DC individuals are conceived using medical intervention while others are conceived at home.

DI

Born through the use of a sperm donor and most commonly used by people involved with COLAGE. Some DI individuals are conceived using medical intervention while others are conceived at home. This includes conception through IVF, ICI, IUI, or IVI.

Dibling

Describes the relationship a donor conceived (DC) individual has with another person born through the use of the same sperm or egg donor.

GOLAGEr

Identity term for individuals with one or more LGBTQ grandparents. Also used primarily among people involved with COLAGE.

PTP and KOT

PTP (People with Trans Parents) and KOT (Kids of Trans) are used to identify people who have one or more parents who are transgender, gender variant, or identify somewhere else along the gender spectrum.

Queerspawn

An identity term used by youth and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer parents/guardians. It is often used to articulate one's connection to queer community and claim a space in it.

Second Generation (2nd Gen)

Identity for queerspawn who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer themselves. Some LGBTQ queerspawn also identify as 3rd gen, 4th gen, etc., which represents the number of consecutive generations of LGBTQ parents and their queer children.

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How to Be An Ally to Queerspawn

- Avoid assumptions related to birth and family building
 - Do not use language assuming someone was birthed by a mother and/or someone who identifies as a woman
 - Do not assume someone was birthed by a parent
 - Do not attach gender to names for parents
- Challenge assumptions about queer folks having straight parents
- Acknowledge and validate connection to queer community and queer cultural identity
- Practice using queerspawn identity language
- Resist critiquing or expressing your dislike of “queerspawn” or other identity language unless you have a LGBTQ parent/s
- Do not infantilize queerspawn – there are queerspawn of all ages
- Be intentional in parsing out queerspawn from “LGBTQ families”