

# Families Reimagined: A Celebration of Diversity

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## IN OUR FAMILY: *Portraits of All Kinds of Families*

A touring photo-text exhibit created by the award-winning **Family Diversity Projects**.  
Photos by Gigi Kaeser and interviews edited by Rebekah Boyd and Peggy Gillespie.

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**IN OUR FAMILY: Portraits of All Kinds of Families** visits the Ernie Bond Curriculum Resource Center, Conway Hall 226, November 2017 through the spring 2018 semester.

**CRC Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 8 pm, Friday, 9 am – 4 pm.

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• adoptive families • gay and lesbian-parented families • divorced families • multi-generational families • blended families • multiracial families • interfaith families • single-parented families • families with members who are physically or mentally challenged •

A traveling diversity exhibit created by the non-profit **Family Diversity Projects**:

- A museum-quality photo-text exhibit celebrating twenty non-traditional families
- Explores the breadth of diversity of family structure through conveying the experiences of these families - in their own words
- Promotes tolerance by encouraging discussion of who constitutes a family, and champions the understanding and acceptance of difference, a crucial aspect of anti-bullying work, by opening up a dialogue around the meaning of family
- Challenges stereotypes and helps dismantle prejudice by celebrating and affirming differences of all kinds

### ELED 398 Course Assignment

Review the photo-text exhibit *In Our Family* displayed in the Bond CRC.

Write a 1-2 page reflection paper about the exhibit. Was there any particular family that appealed to you? If so, why?

You are encouraged to draw connections from the readings and the guest speakers' presentation in class.

### OUR COLLABORATORS

- ▼ **Concept/Finances:**  
Planning librarians with SU Libraries Dean & Diversity and Inclusion Committee, School of Education Dean, and Department Chairs
- ▼ **Exhibit Arrangements/Curation:**  
Planning librarians with FDP non-profit staff, and EEE Department Chair
- ▼ **Public Relations:**  
Planning librarians with SU campus PR staff, Technology Librarian (digital signage), EEE Department and Field Experience Liaisons, School of Education faculty/administrators, local school system contacts, and the general public

### OUR AUDIENCES

- ▼ SU Courses - Diversity & other courses
- ▼ SU Personnel - SU faculty, students & staff
- ▼ Local Schools - teachers & students
- ▼ General Public

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**IN OUR FAMILY** teaches communities:

- That every family configuration should be appreciated and celebrated
- That there are happy and flourishing families of all types
- That children and adults can be hurt by stereotyping, prejudice, name-calling, bullying, and teasing
- The importance of actively challenging prejudice

More information about IN OUR FAMILY and other Family Diversity Projects can be found at [www.familydiv.org](http://www.familydiv.org).

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