



JUNE 2025

Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM)

□ PAM Spotlight □

June is Pride Month!

Pride Month is a time to honor the strength, resilience, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. First celebrated in June 1970, Pride continues to be a powerful movement for visibility and acceptance.

For parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth, support and understanding can make a world of difference. There are many resources available to help families navigate questions, provide affirmation, and build safe, loving environments for all children.

RESOURCES

For Parents of LGBTQIA+ Youth

HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES THAT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF LGBTQIA+ YOUTH:

1

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays): PFLAG is a national organization that offers support, education, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ individuals and their families. They have local chapters across the United States and provide resources specifically tailored to parents and families. Visit their website: <https://pflag.org/>

2

The Trevor Project: The Trevor Project is a leading organization focused on suicide prevention among LGBTQ+ youth. They offer resources for parents and guardians, including guides on supporting LGBTQ+ youth, understanding gender identity, and creating a safe and affirming environment. Check out their resources: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/>

3

Gender Spectrum: Gender Spectrum provides resources and support for parents and caregivers of gender-diverse children and teens. They offer webinars, articles, and a helpline to address questions and concerns related to gender identity. Explore their resources: <https://www.genderspectrum.org/>

4

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network): GLSEN is an organization that works to create safe and inclusive schools for LGBTQ+ students. They have resources for parents and caregivers, including guides on supporting LGBTQ+ youth at home and in educational settings. Visit their website: <https://www.glsen.org/>

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Human Rights Campaign (HRC): HRC is the largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization in the United States. They provide resources for parents and families, including guides on talking to children about LGBTQ+ issues, understanding sexual orientation and gender identity, and creating inclusive environments. Check out their resources: <https://www.hrc.org/>

These resources can offer valuable information, support groups, helplines, and educational materials to help parents navigate the unique experiences and challenges faced by LGBTQ+ youth and their families.



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What's Happening with PAM?

PAM Updates

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the 2025 PAM Program Feedback Survey! Your input plays a vital role in guiding PAM's efforts and strengthening our impact across the state.

thank you!

for participating in the

2025 PAM Network Feedback Survey

5 Things You Should Know



1. Who We Heard From

Survey Participants: 87 respondents

Roles & Connections to Families: Child Abuse and Neglect/Child Welfare 16.46%, Coalition/Network/Group Parent 17.72%, Early Childhood Education 30.38%, Elementary/Secondary School 8.86%, Healthcare Provider 2.53%, Parent/Caregiver 30.38%, Local Health Department 5.06%, Mental Health Provider 3.80%, Parenting Education 35.44%, Parent Leader 10.13%, PIHP - Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan 1.27%, State Department 2.53%, Substance Use Prevention Provider 12.66%, Substance Use Treatment Provider 2.53%, Volunteer 3.80%

2. What's Working Well

Your feedback confirms that PAM's communications are making a difference:

- 87% of respondents say the weekly updates are helpful and relevant.
- 93% find the monthly newsletter to be informative and worthwhile.
- 98% of respondents said they would like to or are planning on attending this year's PAM Conference.



3. Opportunities to Grow

We're grateful for honest feedback and are excited to improve in these areas:

- Increase visibility and promotion of PAM's Parent Resource Webpage.
- Expand available resources for families and professionals.
- Offer more webinars throughout the year and broaden topic areas to meet needs.
- Create more opportunities for parent voice (e.g., parent panels, lived experience stories).



4. Your Feedback in Action

Taking action based on your input:

- Promoting the Parent Resource Webpage more consistently through emails, networking, and partners.
- Expanding our resource library to include more tools for professionals and families.
- Offering more webinars throughout the year, with new topics based on community needs and interests.
- Conduct regional meetings with network members to hear direct feedback and needs in local areas.



5. Together, We're Making an Impact

Collaborating to strengthen Michigan families:

Whether you're a parent, professional, or advocate, your voice matters. PAM exists because of your dedication to families across Michigan.

- Thank you for sharing your feedback.
- Stay connected — follow PAM, share our resources, and invite others to join.
- Let's keep building a stronger, more informed, and connected parent support network — together.



PAM Conference Updates

Exhibitor Opportunities at the PAM Conference!

We're now accepting exhibitor registrations for the 33rd Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM) Conference, taking place on Friday, November 3, 2025, at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect directly with professionals, caregivers, and advocates who support parents and families across Michigan.

□ Exhibitor Details & Benefits:

- Host an in-person booth with space to engage multiple attendees at once
- Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and refreshments throughout the day
- Participate during a designated exhibit time
- Includes one full conference registration, so you can attend sessions
- One exhibit booth space for one person
- Additional exhibitor staff may attend at the regular conference attendee rate

Extended Exhibitor Engagement Times:

- 30-minute morning break for exhibit visits
- Extended lunch break for networking
- Additional 15-minute afternoon break for exhibitor engagement

Exhibitor Fees:

- Nonprofit & Governmental Organizations: \$100
- For-Profit Organizations: \$150

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 3, 2025

Register here: [Exhibitor Form Link](#)

Learn more at: [PAM Conference Website Link](#)

Space is limited—secure your spot today!

Look below for upcoming conferences and events happening this summer!



2025 Events and Observances

- [Michigan State University Extension Child and Family Development Offerings](#)
- [Michigan Alliance for Families Events](#)
- **MIHEN Conference** - June 12th, 2025 - Kalamazoo College
- **2025 MI Harm Reduction Summit** - June 17 - 18, 2025 - Lansing Center
- [Maternal Infant Health Summit](#), June 17 - 18, 2025, Kalamazoo, MI
- [2nd Annual MI Prevention Coalitions Conference](#) - June 24th, 2025 - Flint, MI
- [Child, Adolescent and School Health \(CASH\) Conference](#) - August 12 -13, 2025 - East Lansing, MI
- [2025 National Prevention Network Conference](#) - August 11-13, 2025 - Washington, D.C.
- [33rd Annual PAM Conference](#) - November 3, 2025 - Traverse City, MI

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