



# Seeking Fatherhood Study

## Gay Male Couples Becoming Fathers

Dear Fathers To Be –

My name is Brad Larsen, a doctoral student in clinical psychology at Pacific University in Hillsboro, Oregon. I am researching the experience of gay male couples in pursuit of parenthood.

I am hoping that you will help by sharing your experiences as you decide to become parents together, research options, prepare to become, and then become, fathers. For example, what things make this experience easier or harder than you expected? What are your feelings about the varied paths to parenthood? What are the expected and unexpected challenges and joys that you face?

Couples who participate in this project will be interviewed individually either in person or by phone prior to becoming parents.

Your participation is very much needed and appreciated. The hope is that this research will highlight the needs of male couples seeking to become fathers together and allow for future research and the development of resources to meet these needs.

To participate you must be a gay identified male, partnered in a committed couple and have been in your relationship for one year. Further, you must not currently have children either from previous relationships or within your current relationship. Finally, you must already have made the decision to pursue parenthood. This study is looking exclusively at the experience of gay identified, male identified couples. Single individuals seeking parenthood, lesbian couples, trans-identified couples and heterosexual couples are excluded.

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