

GAYBY BOOM **FILMMAKER TOOLKIT**

We've developed a list of suggested questions and video footage to help us get to know you and your life better. You may use these as reference, follow them exactly or throw them out the window and go at it yourself. Your choice.

These questions are starters for you to expand further on. We enjoy hearing you! We've organized the following suggestions into categories. Not all of these will pertain to your situation so feel free to skip through to the ones that fit you best. And enjoy!

TIPS

WHEN INTERVIEWING:

Try to answer questions in a complete sentence or by repeating the question. For example, if the question is "What's your favorite color?" your answer would be, "My favorite color is hawt pink." Or, "My favorite color? It's hawt pink." This way we know what you're talking about without having to hear a question.

RELEASE FORMS:

Keep in mind we need a release form for all those shown in pictures or video. (Release forms are included in the filmmaker kit.)

EXTRA FOOTAGE:

We also suggest options for gathering videomaterial to help you brainstorm for vibrant footage and visuals. The bigger variety of footage, the better the movie! We know you're cute, but a talking head for minutes can seem like hours.

CAMERA AND TAPES:

We suggest using a camera that uses MINI DV tapes, preferably Sony Premium. A 16:9 ratio (wide screen) is best, if you have the option. Some digital video cameras have this option in your menu. 4:3 is fine too. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

If you do not have access to a video camera, we will help you attain one and may loan one out to you. Let us know.

LIGHTING:

Pay note to lighting and use your judgement...does it look good? Play around with it if you like. Most importantly, we want to see you. A good thing to watch out for is being backlit...where the light source, such as the sun, is directly behind you and therefore you are shadowed. And then, we can't see you. Remember, we want to see you. And hear you.

AUDIO:

Audio is extremely important. Audio is extremely important. Yes, it is. On camera mics just don't do it for the most part. We suggest external microphones or to wear headphones and make sure you have great sound.

FILMING:

When filming, it's best to avoid extremely shaky camera work and extreme zoom in and outs. Handheld is great, just pay attention to the shake. A variety of close up, medium and long shots work great.

These are good to keep in mind. But, don't stress. Have fun with it.

Now for content and questions.

ABOUT YOU

We want to know about you! You are likeable.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- Are you LGBT? When did you know?
- What do you do for a living?
- Where do you live? About where you live.
- How old are you?
- What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
- What are you passionate about?
- Any special things you're involved in?
- Things that make you unique...showcase those.

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- Tour of your house or city.
- Showing your workplace or examples of your work
- Answering questions (any) while doing something you enjoy in your spare time...say cooking or making music or walking...or biking if you're super coordinated.
- Show pictures of you and talk about the pictures.

RELATIONSHIPS

Relationship can refer to your relationship with the co-parent (past or present) and/or your current relationship(s).

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- Give us the run-down. Are you are in a relationship? Is it with your co-parent?
- If any co-parent, describe the relationship with them.
- If in a relationship currently, how did you meet? How long have you been dating/partnered?
- Do you want to get or are you married?
- Funny stories? (Humor is always good.)
- Is your partner listed on the birth certificate and, if so, how? If not, please expand. Does your state acknowledge it? Your thoughts? Stories?
- Were you in a relationship before the child, during or after?
- How does it work legally, in regards to your children, if something happens to you?
- If pregnant, has pregnancy changed your relationship (or did it in the past)?
- Are there different roles played between the bio- and non-bio-parent? Stories about that? How does that change the relationship? Thoughts/feelings on that?
- Were there baby showers? Describe...
- If separated from the co-parent, how is that dealt with in regards to children?

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- Either show pictures and tells stories of you with your partner, or tell the stories and send us digital pix.
- Interviews with partners.
- Footage of everyday activities.
- Footage of what makes you, as a couple, unique.

ON ACQUIRING YOUR CHILD(S)

Keep in mind these are starters for you...please expand!

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- How are you selecting or did you select donor? Surrogate?
- Is your child(s) from a previous marriage?
- What was your adoption process like? What are your state issues with adoption?
- What's the age(s) of your child?
- What was interesting about pregnancy? How was your mood(s)? Cravings?
- What was your process in choosing how to have a child?
- How did you come to want children in your life?

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- Footage of pregnancy, donor searching.
- Any still photographs of children or family pics are great. Digital and higher resolution is best.
- Pregnancy photos are great.

KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS

Don't they though?? Catch it on camera! Even if you have to plant it...And remember to describe your child to us if you're retelling stories of them, such as name or age...so we get an idea.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- What are some unique interests about your child(s)?
- Great or embarrassing stories?
- How do your children answer questions in regards to parents and gender?
- How do they discuss family?

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- If they make amazing legos, film them building the legos or showing them off!
- If they shoot fireballs in the house, catch it!
- Riding bikes, playing outside, talking, singing, telling jokes...cute things.
- Have the children work behind the camera and let them ask the questions.

STORIES OF LGBT DISCRIMINATION

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- Were there any discrimination issues with sperm banks, doctors or the adoption process?
- Are there any legal issues? Such as custody battles? Workplace?
- Any problems with schools?

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- If you're discussing a particular place, images of that place work well...such as outside long shots of a building or school.
- Even online footage, such as going to the website and talking about it.

FAMILY

We would love to see your family in footage...and we'd love to do it legally! Make sure you have them sign a release if they are shown in pictures or footage. (If need be, we can blur out certain features in special scenarios.)

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- What was your family's reaction to your having children? Stories? If possible, interviews with them about their thoughts?
- Are your parent's gay or straight?
- Has having children made you, as an LGBT couple, more legit in the eyes of your family?

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- Either film you holding pictures of your family and describing, or send us digital copies.
- Interviews with family.
- Extra footage of family events. Past or present.

ON PARENTING

Oh, the joys and the trials...we want both. Remember, these are great to get to know you and other parents will be able to relate. We're building community here.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

- If you've come out to your child, describe. If you have not, describe.
- Are you a single or partnered parent? Describe the trials and rewards...
- What's it like in the world with straight people as a gay family?
- How has it been setting up schools?
- Do you feel you are always coming out as an LGBT parent? Any funny stories about coming out? Sad? Angry? Matter-of-fact?
- Stories about people asking who is the bio mom/dad once they know it's a same sex parenting? Feelings around this?
- How do you have the conversation about who the other parent or donor is?
- What role does your child's gender play in your relationship? Any good stories around this?
- Pet stories in parenting? Do they still get enough attention?
- Has your sex life changed? How?
- Kid's sexuality...what is it? Stories around this...conversations you've had?
- What are some struggles parenting? Glories?
- What parental names does your child call you, i.e. Mama, Mommy, Papa, Daddy...?
- Tell us about your discoveries and research into the world of parenting, i.e., searching for pregnancy pillows vs body pillows...some situations might be educational and lend humor!

SUGGESTED VIDEO FOOTAGE:

- You doing daily activities with your child.
- Reading stories.
- Things that make you a unique parent.
- Researching your discoveries.
- Footage of your children's toys, rooms, clothes.

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