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Support for Parents of Transgender Youth

New Group: You are not alone

West Bloomfield, MI: Beginning Thursday, May 14, Temple Israel will host a Parent Support Group for those with transgender children. The group will meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00-8:00 p.m. It is free and open to the community.

Roz Keith, transgender advocate, Ally Moms creator and founder of Stand with Trans will join this ongoing group intended to give parents of transgender youth a place to learn, share and better understand what it means to raise a transgender child. The group will offer a safe and warm environment to share and discover how to travel this journey with your child and as a family.

The statistics regarding transgender youth are evolving. Currently this is what it looks like when teens do not have the support from family, friends and community:

- 78% of transgender youth in K-12 had experienced harassment.¹
- 80% of transgender students felt unsafe at school.²
- **Parental Support Matters.** Only 15% of trans youth without parental support described their mental health as "very good" or excellent, compared to 70% of trans youth with parental support.³
- 55% of trans youth have been physically attacked.⁴

Please contact Laura Koziol to RSVP: laura@temple-israel.org or 248-661-5700.

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- 1 http://www.thetaskforce.org/static_html/downloads/reports/reports/ntds_full.pdf
- 2 <http://transstudent.org/transvisibility>
- 3 <http://transstudent.org/youthsupport>
- 4 <http://dragitout.org/2011/12/transgender-youth-statistics.html>