

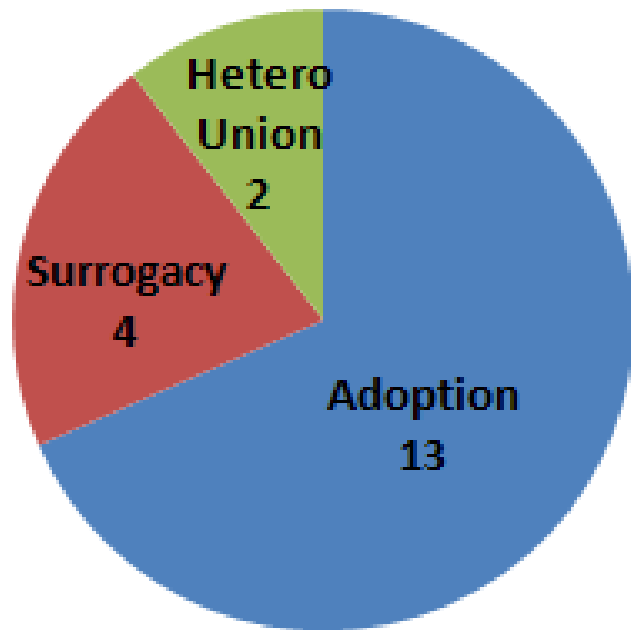


WHO ARE GAY FATHERS?

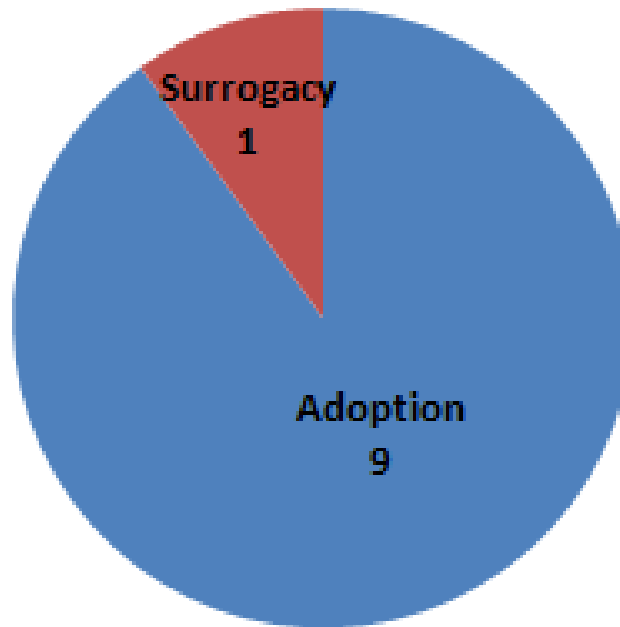
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PATHWAY TO PARENTHOOD BY PARENTING GROUP

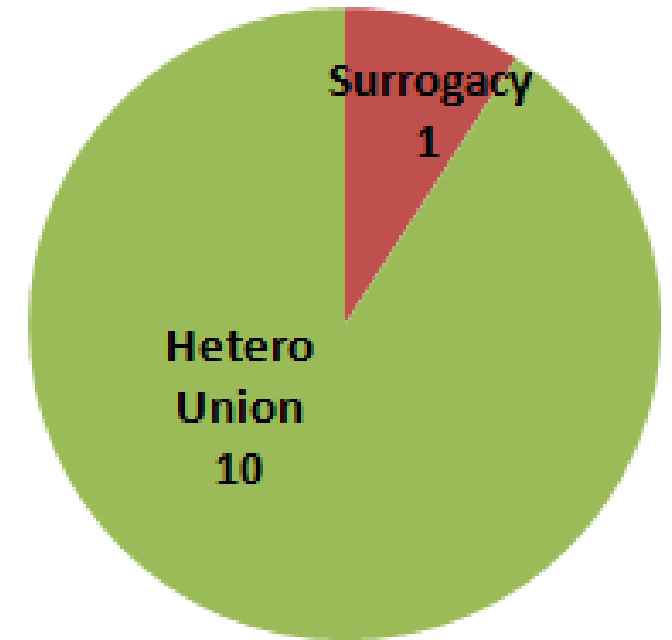
California



Texas



Utah



WHO ARE “GAY FATHERS”?

“When [people] think about ‘**gay family**’, they would never consider me as a gay family. They would consider me as a man, a heterosexual guy who got divorced and had children.”

“Until they see me with another man. Then I become a traditional gay family, in my opinion.”

Utah
Gay Father via
Heterosexual
Union

WHO ARE “GAY FATHERS”?

California
Adoptive Father
and Group
President

“I think that ‘**gay father**’ is an identity - a **cultural identity**, and not a demographic description. I guess it’s political, social...”

“I really feel like gay dad means, ‘I am willing to be seen by the world as being at this intersection of two identities.’ I think that’s what it means to me. There are a lot of closeted guys out there in marriages. I don’t view them as gay dads, personally.”

“From a research point of view, maybe the definition is a father who’s also gay, those two traits. But I think in our culture, **the concept of gay father has to come with a certain level of acceptance** and comfort with that label.”