AGENDA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

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<td>Personal Stories Panel - hear from Canadian surrogates and the parents they helped</td>
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SPECIAL EVENING ACTIVITIES (OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE):

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<td>7:15 - 9:00pm</td>
<td>Parents / Intended Parents’ Happy Hour at Woody’s</td>
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Join us at Woodys bar to close the evening with a social gathering. This casual time will be a great opportunity to discuss the information from the day’s sessions as well as network with other parents, intended parents and professionals.
Canadian Fertility Consulting (CFC) is a full-service Canadian surrogacy agency dedicated to helping couples and individuals who are pursuing surrogacy and egg donation to start or grow their family. We have the right people in place to make your dreams come true with our highly-trained and dedicated team. Our goal is to make the surrogacy process as stress-free and successful as possible. Canadian Fertility Consulting is dedicated to taking the confusion out of fertility choices. We care about our clients and pursue options to each individuals’ needs and only offer those with the best chance of success. Our team understands and appreciates the desire you have to create or expand your family. Our experience in the fields of gestational surrogacy and egg donation has proved invaluable to hopeful parents. It’s our mission is to see that your dreams come true!

www.fertilityconsultants.ca

At Anova Fertility & Reproductive Health we believe that all should have the opportunity to have a family if they choose to, regardless of their ethnic background, religion or coupled status, gender identity or sexual orientation. Anova Fertility is the home of the first next-generation IVF lab in Canada. Our mission is to achieve the best possible fertility outcome for you, by providing you with exceptional reproductive health care in our comfortable, welcoming and inclusive environment. We will work with you to ensure that the reproductive care you receive is personalized, focused on your needs and provided with integrity. Through a supportive culture, our team of doctors, nurses and lab technicians at Anova Facility takes pride in helping members of the LGBTQ community grow their families. We offer assisted reproductive services using Sperm Donation, Egg Donation, and Gestational Surrogacy.

www.anovafertility.com

With her unique background as a high-profile criminal defense lawyer for almost 30 years and, extraordinary journey as an Intended Parent, Cindy Wasser offers an unparalleled service to Intended Parents, Surrogates and Donors. Her firm, Hope Springs Fertility Law™ is one of the leading firms in Canada with a large international clientele. Cindy prepares contracts between Intended Parents and their surrogates and donors and obtains the Declaration of Parentage quickly and efficiently, once the baby is born making her clients’ journey as simple as possible. When the RCMP investigation into ART began in February 2012, Cindy was called upon to provide legal advice to other fertility lawyers, medical practitioners and, consultant agencies. Cindy has lectured about fertility law at medico-legal conferences and at hospitals and is published in a leading medical journal.

www.hopespringsfertilitylaw.com
CREATE FERTILITY CENTRE

Working with you to CReATe the family you’ve always dreamed of. Under the leadership of Dr. Clifford Librach, CReATe (Canadian Reproductive Assisted Technologies) Fertility Centre specializes in highly individualized care for clients from across Canada and around the world. “Our patients have unique hopes and dreams for a family” says Dr. Librach. Our team of professionals collaborate with you to provide personalized care with state-of-the-art on-site services including anonymous or known egg donation, gestational surrogacy, cryopreservation and Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening (PGS). As such, CReATe offers success rates among the top facilities in the world. Our staff strongly believe in caring for the whole patient taking into consideration social, cultural and spiritual needs.

www.createivf.com

NEW LIFE FERTILITY CENTER

NewLife Fertility Centre was founded in 2005 under the direction of Dr. Samuel Soliman, our medical director, who has been treating infertile patients since 1994. NewLife Fertility Centre provides a wide variety of infertility treatments ranging from basic infertility diagnosis and treatment to advanced services such as in vitro fertilization (IVF). NewLife Fertility helps coordinate surrogate and anonymous donor services based on your needs. Our aim is to provide our patients with highly proven, state of the art reproductive services in a friendly compassionate manner that helps the patient navigate the difficult challenges of infertility. This is complemented by highly personalized service; one doctor will oversee your care and you will see the same team of nurses throughout your treatment. NewLife Fertility has 8 locations to serve you; Mississauga, Brampton, Woodbridge, Richmond Hill, Burlington, Milton, Scarborough, and Concord.

www.newlifefertility.com

OUR FAIRY GODMOTHER

WHO WE ARE – Prior to establishing Our Fairy Godmother & Stork Surrogacy International, Cathy Ruberto, President & CEO was the Clinical Director of a fertility clinic in Toronto for 15 years & has extensive expertise in reproductive medicine. WHAT SETS US APART – Cathy worked in reproductive medicine for almost 30 years, co-authored 30 research papers, testified as an expert witness to the House of Commons and Senate. She is a member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society. Our agency is ASRM/SART Compliant - we abide strictly by the universal guidelines/standards of practice for egg donation of ASRM & Society of Assisted Reproductive Technology. She has appeared on numerous television, radio, newspaper & magazine interviews including Good Morning America, ABCNews, NBCNews, CNN & 3 award winning documentaries.

www.ourfairygodmother.com

CANADIAN SURROGACY OPTIONS

Canadian Surrogacy Options, now known as CSO Family, is Canada’s first surrogacy agency. For the past 25 years, CSO has helped over 2,000 families fulfill their dream of having a biological baby. In addition, to leading the industry in Canada, the founding managers have strived for ethical and fair practices in the field by actively challenging federal regulations to ensure that every person wanting to grow their family has an equal opportunity to do so. CSO Family’s knowledge, commitment and hands-on service are what makes intended parents around the world choose them to pursue sibling journeys. Reliable Surrogates choose CSO Family to partner with for the sisterhood that they are welcomed into which makes for a memorable journey. Learn about infertility planning, gestational surrogacy, egg donation and community awareness initiatives by visiting CSO Family online at

www.csofamily.ca

REPROMED

The Toronto Institute for Reproductive Medicine has been providing reproductive care for Canadians and International patients for over 20 years. In addition to advanced infertility testing, we offer a full range of reproductive services including: IUI, IVF, and Egg Donation & Surrogate Cycles. Our world class facility provides a warm and caring environment for patients during their time here at the clinic. Our dedicated team takes great pride in working with each patient scenario in their journey to grow their family. Dreams can come true, let us help you achieve your own miracle.

www.repromed.ca
SACRED SURROGACY

Surrogacy is the most extraordinary and unforgettable gift. Surrogacy is not just a medical act of kindness, but a soul contract that you are making with another person to bring life into the world. This is an incredible journey for surrogates and intended parents, and we want you to feel honored for it. The Sacred Surrogacy movement offers a deeper way to view this remarkable journey. It is a way to embrace the beauty that is inherently a part of the surrogacy process, and to navigate the path of alternative family building. Through our program intended parents and surrogates learn self-care practices, as well as ways to connect to the process in a soul fulfilling and meaningful way. We now serve many families across the world each year through our retreats, online classes, and subscription boxes.

www.sacredsurrogacy.com

FERTILITY LAW CANADA

Sara R. Cohen, LL.B. is a fertility lawyer based in Toronto, with clients throughout Canada and beyond. Sara is the founder of Fertility Law Canada at D2Law LLP where her entire practice is devoted to the practice of fertility law. She regularly acts for intended parents, surrogates, donors, cryobanks, hospitals, distributors and fertility clinics. Sara was recently named as one of the Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada. She is past co-chair of the Ethics and Law Special Interest Group of Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, Vice President of Fertility Matters Canada, an adjunct professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School, and a fellow of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproductive Attorneys. Sara has been published in various publications including the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law, the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada, and The Globe and Mail. Sara loves what she does, and it shows!

www.fertilitylawcanada.com

BOYNECLARKE LLP

Since the firm was founded in 1972, BOYNECLARKE LLP has grown to become one of Atlantic Canada’s largest full-service law firms. Whether you are looking for legal services for you or your business, BOYNECLARKE LLP can help. Since our large, well-established firm is equipped to assist with everything from adoption and surrogacy to government relations and complex business transactions, we can handle just about any case in-house. At BOYNECLARKE LLP, you will benefit from the support of a talented, hand-picked team. With more than 55 lawyers on staff, we are able to help you find the right professional experience and knowledge to meet your needs. You’ll also have access to an open, caring and responsive support staff made up of more than 120 people.

www.boyneclarke.ca

SHIRLEY EVE LEVITAN

With experience in fertility law dating back to 1996, Shirley is considered a leading expert in Canada, and provides you with an unparalleled level of knowledge. While she is based in Toronto, Shirley works with people all over the world. She is licensed to practice law in Ontario and New York State. Shirley serves as the current Co-Chair of the Law and Ethics Special Interest Group of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, and she is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproductive Attorneys, an international academy of fertility and adoption lawyers from the world over, and based in the US. Working with clinics, hospitals, intended parents, ova donors, sperm donors, gestational carriers and traditional surrogates, Shirley diligently crafts the required agreements while conforming to the specific needs of her clients, and the changing legal landscape. She is also a leading Canadian lawyer with respect to preparing and attending to court and government applications dealing with local, cross-border, national and international, birth registration issues that arise in the context of assisted reproductive technology. Shirley also practices Family Law, which provides her with an enhanced knowledge base and perspective of Fertility Law, as a result of the issues combining both areas.

www.familyandfertilitylaw.ca

SIMPLE SURROGACY

Simple Surrogacy was founded in 2002 to assist couples and individuals in achieving a family through assisted reproduction. We were founded on one simple principle: to provide our clients with the highest standard of care at an affordable price. We are one of the largest surrogacy and egg donation agencies in the U.S., and are highly regarded in the surrogacy community for our expertise, support and professionalism. Simple Surrogacy has worked with many International Clients on their journey to becoming parents, using our personal attention to detail, prompt response and matching times, and affordable prices. Our counselors, coordinators and owners are all experienced in assisted reproduction, as former surrogates, Intended Parents or Egg Donors. It is our pleasure to offer our clients that insider’s expert knowledge at significantly reduced costs that enable many people to become Parents through Surrogacy.

www.simplesurrogacy.com
ABOUT THE 519

The 519 is a City of Toronto agency, a registered charity and an LGBTQ2S community centre with an innovative model of Service, Space and Leadership. We are committed to the health, happiness and full participation of LGBTQ2S communities in Toronto and beyond through our programs, services, capacity-building initiatives and advocacy.

SERVICE We provide a wide range of direct services to members of LGBTQ2S communities, from counseling and food programs to refugee support, trans programming and seniors’ support.

SPACE We offer a free, accommodating and non-judgmental space where individuals, organizations and non-profit groups can meet, organize and give back to the neighbourhood and communities we serve.

LEADERSHIP We advocate for progress by sharing the knowledge and insights we gather on the ground through consulting and workshop services, research and public-engagement campaigns.

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I’ve been in your shoes...

The moment my first daughter was born was the moment I became a fertility lawyer. My husband and I were so grateful for the egg donor and surrogate who helped bring her into this world. But getting to that miraculous moment had been a long, confusing and terrifying journey.

Cradling my new baby girl in my arms, I was determined to pave a safer and smoother path for everyone who shares the hope of building a family with donors and surrogates.

Over the past decade, with the help of my team, I have grown Hope Springs into a leading Canadian fertility law firm. We have worked with many intended parents, from many places across Canada and around the world, to build families of all shapes and sizes. We would be honoured to help you start or expand your family, too.

www.hopespringsfertilitylaw.com info@hopespringsfertility.com 1.833.720.HOPE (4673)
Part 1: The Steps of Surrogacy
Defining The Journey

Overview and Terminology
- Definitions
- Parties
- Timeline
- Medical steps
- Legal steps

Decisions and Choices
- Your vision of your family and your journey
- Known vs. anonymous donor
- Medical decisions
- Ethical and social considerations
Part 2: Making It Happen
Your Family / Your Way

Peer Advice on Choosing Providers

- Research all your resources including:
  - Fertility clinic
  - Surrogacy agency
  - Attorneys
  - Egg donors

Budgeting concerns

- Estimate your costs
- Identify possible cost-saving best solutions

The Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP)

- Benefits
- Eligibility
- Process

What is SURROGACY?

Surrogacy is the act of a woman (altruistic by nature) carrying a child (or children) for another individual or couple, with the intention of giving the child(ren) to the intended parent(s) at birth.
Gestational Surrogacy (GS) requires the protection of the well-being of multiple people, each dependent on safe and ethical practices.

**INTENDED PARENT(S) (IP’s)**

**GESTATIONAL CARRIER (GC)**

**EGG DONOR (ED)**

**BABY**

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**The Professional Team**

**The Fertility Clinic** (Infertility specialists)
- Medical screenings of all parties
- Clinics often have an egg donation program
- The IVF procedure: egg retrieval from the ED and embryo transfer into the GC

**The Surrogacy Agency**
- Screening and matching with a GC
- Journey coordination

**Attorneys**
- Draft contract between IPs and GC
- Representation of all parties
- Establishment of parental rights

**Sometimes also** : Egg donor agency
Gestational Surrogacy: Typical Sequence and Timeline

Choose an Agency
Choose a Clinic

Screening of IPs

Surrogate Matching & Pre-screening
GC Contract & Budget
Egg Donor Matching
Support & Coordination
Legal Preparation
Birth Plan

Typically approximately 20 Months

Legal Steps

1) **Determine a legally sound strategy**
   - Must ensure suitable jurisdiction for surrogate and birth

2) **Sign contract with agency**

3) **Sign contract with your surrogate** (and sometimes also with your egg donor)
   - Surrogate (and donor) must be represented by an independent lawyer

4) **Ensure and establish clear parental rights**
   - Declaration of birth after DNA testing
Legal Issues in Canada

• GC entitled to “reimbursement” only:
  This includes her lost wages, travel and medical expenses and other pregnancy-related out-of-pocket expenses like food and clothing.

• Any compensation that goes beyond this reimbursement is illegal.

• All surrogacy agreements are unenforceable in Quebec.

• Judicial v. administratorial parental establishment and its implications in the U.S. and other countries.

Do you need a surrogacy agency?

Independent matches

• Your GC is found independently (online / friends)
• You assemble and hire your team of independent professionals:
  – Clinic for medical screening and all fertility treatments
  – Clinic or donor agency to find ED
  – Attorney for the surrogacy contract
  – Attorney for the parentage hearing
• YOU must ensure psychosocial screening and support.
• YOU coordinate all the logistics.

Working with agency

Agency does “everything”:

• Facilitates the process of finding GCs (via ads, website, etc.)
• Screens and matches GC and IPs
• Acts as a liaison between everyone
• Drafts (or arranges) GC-IP surrogacy contract
• Works with the clinic to coordinate medical care logistics
• Handles (or arranges) parentage proceedings
Two types of egg donors:

Known vs anonymous

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<td>Far more personal (pros and cons)</td>
<td>Easier to find / wider selection</td>
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<td>Ensures your long-term access to donor’s future medical history</td>
<td>Absence of a direct relationship can be less complicated</td>
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<td>Donor often agrees to meet children</td>
<td>Might be legally safer (?)</td>
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Also: Use a relative or friend? Does it matter where donor lives?

Getting donor from agency or clinic? Using first-time versus experienced donor?

Gestational Surrogacy:

General Medical Process

1. Egg Donor
2. Intended Father
3. Semen Sample
4. In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF/ICSI)
5. Day 2 / 3 or 5 Embryos Transferred
**Embryo Transfer**

*Whether to transfer one or two embryos?*

- **IVF 20-40 years ago:**
  - Desperate parents routinely transferred 2,3,4 embryos to achieve 10-20% success
  - Very risky: many triplets and quadruplets

- **IVF today:**
  - Average success rate for single ET is 65%, and for double ET is 80%
  - Still, double embryo transfer remains common, driven largely by the desire of many IPS to have twins (“two for the price of one”).
  - Twins however are far more likely to be born prematurely and experience multiple other complications.

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**Making Well-Informed Ethical Choices:**

*Know your personal preferences and family vision*

- **Family vision**
  - How many children do you want?
  - How do you feel about having twins?
  - Who will be the bio dad

- **Relationships**
  - What type of relationships do you envision with the surrogate and donor during and after the journey?

- **Risk tolerance**
  - Pay a premium upfront to reduce cost uncertainties

- **How much hand holding**
  - Do you want full-service support or a more Do-It-Yourself approach? Or maybe a combination?

- **Time / cost priorities**
  - How essential are cost savings that may lead to a longer process?
  - How much time do you truly have for a more
Final suggestions from a surrogate for a smooth journey

**Relationships and Communication**
- Your surrogate is not a “service provider”.
- Her entire family is part of this journey.
- Support from you and her family will boost and sustain her motivation.
- Visit the surrogate and her family.
- Adjust your expectations, curb the need to control, and maintain good communication.
- Review MHB Framework for Ethical Guidelines for IPs.

**Stress and Support**
- Uncertainty, financial strain, lack of control can all lead to stress.
- Different partners may have different visions, coping mechanisms, and levels of motivation.
- Family and friends may provide needed support, but their expectations may also add stress.
- A professional may be very helpful to help keep the lines of communication open!

Research and Selection Process

**Research**
- MHB and other parenting organizations
  - Workshops
  - Conferences
  - Peer support
- MHB Directory
  - Profiles
  - Contact info
  - Videos
- MHB Facebook Group
  - Ask questions
  - Network

**Interview**
- MHB Consult Request Form
  - One-stop shop
- Start with either clinic or agency, and be sure to ask whom they partner with.
- Ask for references.
Questions to Ask Potential Surrogate Agencies

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<td>• What are your agency fees and what do they include? Are there extra fees for international clients?</td>
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<td>• Do you provide discounts through MHB / GPAP?</td>
<td>• How / where do you find their surrogates?</td>
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<td>• What is your staff size and relevant experience with gay dads?</td>
<td>• What are the expected costs from third parties and variable expenses?</td>
<td>• What is the typical waiting time for a surrogate?</td>
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<td>• How will they arrange insurance for babies post birth (if relevant)?</td>
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Questions to Ask a Potential Surrogate

The Big Four Questions

• Feelings on Selective Reduction and Pregnancy Termination

• Number of Embryos to Transfer

• Location of delivery?

• Level of relationship: before, during and after pregnancy?

Additional Topics for Discussion

• Why do you want to be a GC

• How were your pregnancies/deliveries

• Do you want more children

• Concerns about the medical protocols

• Support Network

• Do you have plan if there is bedrest

• Labor & Delivery Team (include IPs?)

• Feeling re breast milk
Questions to Ask Potential Fertility Clinics

Levels of Service and Expertise

• What is your specific level of experience with surrogacy in general, and gay dads in particular?
• How does your staff work with gay dads, including international dads?
• What are your success rates with fresh and frozen transfers?
• Do you have your own in-house egg donor program? If so, how many currently available egg donors do you offer? Does it also contain frozen donor eggs?
• Do you perform embryo biopsy (PGD / CCS)?
• Do you allow double embryo transfer?
• Do you allow the transfer of one embryo from each genetic dad, if desired?
• Do you have an in-house genetic counselor or an in-house psychologist or counselor?

Costs

• What are ALL the medical fees and what do they include?
• What are the specific costs of “extras” like diagnostic tests and medications?
• Does your clinic provide discounts through GPAP?
• Can the donor and surrogate monitoring be performed remotely or only locally in your clinic?
• Can you compare your budgets with MHB’s generic budget checklist?
• Does your clinic have a success guarantee program?

Finding an Egg Donor

Donor

• Family / friends or clinic / agency
• Known or anonymous
• Proximity to clinic
• Age, medical / genetic screening
• Proven fertility
• Availability

Selection Process

• Can use database or individual suggestions
• Selection / exclusivity
• Screening quality / timing

Cost Variables

• Via IVF clinic or a third party ED agency
• Unshared: most expensive
• Shared or frozen
• Travel and monitoring
• Minimum eggs guarantee

Information and Presentation

• Profile: Health / education / appearance
• Personal statements / essays
• Photos / videos
• Level of genetic screening
• Willingness to donate to gay men (unless anonymous)
Planning Your Surrogate Journey

The Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP)

GPAP has **TWO** tiers of assistance

**Stage 1 / Journey Booster**
- Access to discounts
- You choose from any of 40+ providers
- Not retroactive
- Accepted year round
- Approval within days

**Stage 2 / Direct Assistance**
- Grants and free services
- Matched with specific providers
- Not retroactive
- Annual applications
- Reviewed by grant committee
- Budget approved by MHB
**GPAP Stage 1**  
*Eligibility and Requirements*

**Stage 1 / Journey Booster**
- Applicants must be gay men or transwomen.
- Single and joint applications are accepted.
- Income threshold adjusted by region and age.
- 25–50 years old (at least one of partners)
- No existing children
- If a couple, minimum of 2 years of cohabitation
- Criminal background check
- Residents of USA, Canada, Israel and several European countries

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**GPAP Stage 2**  
*Eligibility and Requirements*

**Stage 2 / Direct Assistance**
- Passage of Stage 1
- Self participation minimum
- Health statement
- Credit report
- Assets and liabilities report
- Psychosocial interview
- Only single-embryo transfers allowed
- Residents of USA, Canada, Israel and several European countries/
## 2019 Conference Schedule

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### NOTES

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About Men Having Babies

With over 8,500 future and current gay parents worldwide, the international nonprofit Men Having Babies (MHB) is dedicated to providing its members with educational and financial support community forum.

Surrogacy Workshops and Conferences

Each year over 1,800 attendees benefit from unbiased guidance and access to a wide range of relevant service providers at its monthly workshops in NYC and conferences in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Florida, Taipei, Tel Aviv Toronto and Brussels. These conferences, which are organized with the help of prominent LGBT parenting organizations, provide unparalleled opportunities to get unbiased information, access a wide range of relevant service providers, and connect with others going through the surrogacy process. Special interest panels for parents, prospects and professionals include topics such as parenting for HIV+ men, speaking to your children about surrogacy and gay parenting, testimonies from teenagers born via surrogacy, and ethical considerations in surrogacy.

The Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP)

The Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP) was created as part of our mission to make surrogacy services more affordable for gay men. GPAP annually provides dozens of couples with access to substantial discounts and about $750,000 in cash grants and free services from sixty-nine leading service providers. Funds for this program come from event sponsorship fees and direct donations. Applications for discounts (Stage I) are accepted on a rolling basis, and candidates for grants (Stage II) are evaluated annually.

Surrogacy Advisor Directory

In an effort to promote transparency and affordability, MHB conducts extensive surveys of hundreds of surrogacy clients. Using the data, we receive, we compile exclusive rating tables with satisfaction levels for various 20 agencies and clinics, as well as success rates, and real cost figures. This information has already helped many prospective parents save thousands of dollars by identifying affordable, effective providers. The directory includes a comprehensive listing of over 100 providers from the USA and beyond with contact information, descriptions of services, video introductions, and reviews. A universal consultation request form allows our members to contact dozens of providers in one step.

Advocacy and International Collaboration

MHB’s network of collaborating LGBT family organizations worldwide continues to grow. Dozens of partners in Canada, Europe, Asia and Israel help us expand the reach of the Gay Parenting Assistance Program to 14 counties, take part and help promote our conferences. Together with our Surrogates Advisory Board and community partners worldwide, MHB works to promote a Framework for Ethical Surrogacy that benefit all parties involved. We also work to raise awareness about surrogacy by assisting academic studies, maintaining the MHB Surrogacy Forum on Facebook for dads and surrogates, and setting up the first ever Surrogacy Speakers Bureau.