

State ban on gay adoption subject of town hall meeting

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A town hall meeting to discuss Florida's legal ban on gay adoption is scheduled from 1:30 to 3 p.m. today at the First Congregational Church, 2501 NE 30th St., Fort Lauderdale.

The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will feature a panel discussion, including lesbian and gay parents and their children, South Florida political and religious leaders, and social science researchers.

The meeting comes as a group of state legislators, mostly Democrats from Broward and Palm Beach counties, are pushing in Tallahassee for repeal of Florida's 30-year-old ban on gay adoptions.

The meeting is sponsored by several gay rights organizations, including Equality Florida, Family Pride Coalition and **the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**. For more information, visit www.sunserve.org.