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Outline:

- Brief Overview of Arlington Public Schools’ Rogue Sex-Ed Activism & Relationship with Arlington Gender Identity Allies (2015-Present)
- Formation of the Arlington Parent Coalition (March 2019)
- Strategies & Structure of the Arlington Parent Coalition:
  - March – July 2019
  - July 2019 – Present
- Present Initiatives:
  - Informing Parents & Citizens
  - Family Life Education Review
  - Getting APC Parents on School-Level Boards
  - Supporting Parents Toward Kids’ Safety in Schools
  - Developing Networks & Relationships with Other Organizations:
    - The Kelsey Coalition
    - The Minnesota Family Council
➢ Informed Parents of California
➢ Hands Across the Aisle: Women in Coalition
   o Helping Parents in Other Districts Form Coalitions to Fight Back

What You Can Do:

• Get informed and be vocal about what’s happening in our nation’s public schools.
• Attend school board meetings; monitor policy developments; ask questions of the schools.
• Vote in School Board members who oppose LGBTQ initiatives in schools.
• Form a parent coalition in your district.

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