



PFLAG Colorado Springs

Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies United
With LGBTQIA+ People to Move Equality Forward

January 2022

The New Year

Happy New Year from your friends at Colorado Springs PFLAG!

In 2022 we would like to encourage all of you, straight parents, family members and friends as well as LGBTQ folks, to learn more about the LGBTQ community and to get involved in some way that enhances your understanding of this vibrant and complex world.

We'll continue to focus on supporting our "new" parents dealing with with a family member who has recently identified as LGBTQIA+ (be aware that the "Q" can stand for either "Queer" or "Questioning").

We'll continue to introduce you to the work of passionate volunteers who sustain local support groups including Inside Out Youth Services, The Place, Metropolitan Community Church, Bacchus wine tasting club, Safe at Schools program, Out Loud Colorado Springs Men's Chorus, the TransParent group, United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire, Christian Parents and the Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) in local schools and colleges.

And we'll continue to urge you to get more educated – by reading about LGBTQ issues and contemporary news and following PFLAG on its national website at www.cspflag.org. Consider attending some of the many



Greetings From Inside Out Youth

wonderful conferences and concerts that are available online during the pandemic. You can attend the excellent annual TRANSforming Gender Conference in Boulder without driving to Boulder – and it is free!

PFLAG's mission is "Support, Education and Advocacy". We hope that parents will benefit from PFLAG support and learn more about the complex and vibrant world with which their family member is now identifying and reach a place of acceptance. We hope that they may then decide to become advocates by

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Educating Children of Color Summit—January 15—(Free)

The annual Educating Children of Color (ECOC) Summit will take place on Saturday, January 15th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Zoom. The Summit brings together educators, parents and high school students of color in an effort to provide inspiration and avenues to higher education. This Colorado College-based event provides a full day of workshops and discussions.

Students and their parents can attend the conference for FREE. Professionals pay \$50.00. The conversations around equity, diversity and inclusion are very relevant to the

LGBTQ community.

More than twenty inspiring speakers will provide a wide-ranging discussion. They include Tim Wise, a prominent anti-racist writer; Alexis Knox-Miller, the Director of Equity and Inclusion for Colorado Springs School District 11; and Representative Park Cannon, a Georgia state representative, one of two openly queer lawmakers in the Georgia General Assembly and its youngest.

Conference registration information can be found on the ECOC website: <https://educatingchildrenofcolor.org/> Registration closes January 12.



January PFLAG Meeting Zoom Online

January 18
7:00 p.m.

Conversation and Support

We have decided to make it easier to join our chapter meetings by posting the Zoom link in our newsletter.

To attend the January meeting, please click this link on January 18 at or after 7 p.m..

<https://bit.ly/3zBfSQ6>

This link will only work in January.

If you have any difficulty joining the meeting, please call Karen at 719-634-4433.

Everyone is welcome.

Inside Out Hosts Vaccine Clinic

Inside Out Youth Services will host another vaccine clinic at Hillside Community Center, 925 S. Institute St., on Friday, January 14 from noon to 6 p.m.

Anyone five and older is invited to receive their COVID-19 vaccine in a loving and empowering environment — for free, no insurance, ID, or appointment required. Be sure to register at <https://linktr.ee/IOYS>. For more information, call Inside Out at 719-328-1056.

Bacchus Success

The Bacchus wine-tasting club raised over \$14,000 for Inside Out Youth Services at its Christmas Party.

Congratulations to all of you for supporting this Bacchus fundraiser and helping LGBTQ youth ages 13-24 who benefit from the programs at Inside Out.



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sharing their stories with neighbors and friends and choosing to donate to or volunteer for one of the local LGBTQ community groups listed above.

Watch our newsletter for opportunities to get support and education and be inspired to engage in advocacy!

-Colorado Springs PFLAG

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PFLAG Mission Statement: By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ.

Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ.

Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ.

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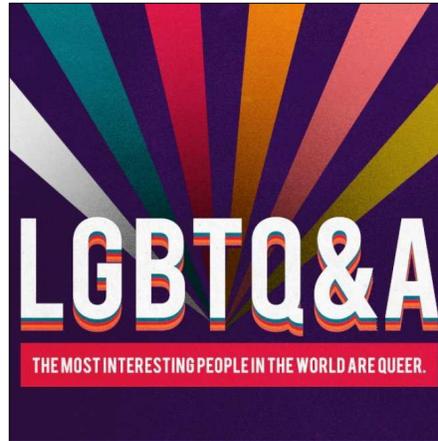
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LGBTQ&A—A Podcast Series from *The Advocate* Magazine



The Advocate's award-winning podcast, LGBTQ&A, just celebrated its fifth anniversary.

The Advocate is an American LGBTQ-interest magazine printed bi-monthly and available by subscription. It originated as a local newsletter in the gay community in Los Angeles in 1967 and became so popular that it was soon being distributed nationally. It attracted the attention of David B. Goodstein, an investment banker from San Francisco, who bought the publication in 1974. Under Goodstein's direction, *The Advocate* was transformed into a bi-weekly national news magazine covering events important to the LGBT com-

munity, including the gay rights movement, along with arts and culture. Goodstein also worked toward reducing sex-oriented advertisements in favor of more mainstream sponsors. Read current articles on its website: www.advocate.com.

The Advocate produces a podcast called LGBTQ&A, created and hosted by Jeffrey Masters. See:

<https://www.advocate.com/podcast> and <https://www.lgbtqpodcast.com/>

The podcast series features interviews with notable LGBTQ guests including activists, politicians and members of the entertainment community, such as Pete Buttigieg, Laverne Cox, Lili Reinhart, Roxane Gay and Trixie Mattel.

The *New York Times* has commented: "If you want to understand what it sounds like when a host is prepared, look no further than Jeffrey Masters. His interest in his guests' stories, as well as his encouraging manner, allow him to get beyond the surface, whether he is interviewing activists or members of the entertainment industry."

Special note: listen to the set of podcasts titled "Enough is Enough – 10 LGBTQ Elders Share Their Words of Wisdom". <https://bit.ly/3JUUm1f0>
A new podcast comes out every Tuesday, and you can also listen to them on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Place is a youth shelter and off the street program for young people experiencing homelessness in the Pikes Peak Region. Many are LGBTQIA+.

Zach Davis, Volunteer Manager at The Place, has asked for volunteers to help with meals. Meals are a time for youth to gather and build community, a safe and consistent source of nutrition and a chance for youth to build connection to the community through the volunteers who help prepare, serve or drop off meals.

There are several ways to help. Coming into the kitchen to cook and help serve is a great way to join the team, but you can also drop off prepared meals from a local supermarket or restaurant. Just remember that anything served at the shelter has to have been prepared in a commercial kitchen.

If you would like to help, first call Zach Davis at 719-338-9257 to get on the calendar.

TransParenting Support Group

TransParenting, a program of Inside Out Youth Services, is a monthly support group for parents/caregivers of transgender and gender nonbinary children, 3rd Thursday of every month, 6:00—7:30 p.m. MST by Zoom.

For more information and to get the Zoom meeting link, email transparenting@insideoutys.org or call Inside Out at (719) 328-1056.

SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline

The SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline is available for anyone 50 or over who wishes to discuss issues related to sexual orientation or gender identity.

Staffed entirely by well-trained responders, the Hotline can be reached at 877-360-5428 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline is available in English and Spanish, with translation to 180 languages also available. For more information about SAGE, go to www.sageusa.org



BULLETIN BOARD

Jan. 15 — Educating Children of Color Summit — Colorado College— Virtual one-day event on Zoom. See article p. 1

Mar. 5—TRANSforming Gender Conference — Virtual (online) conference sponsored by the Center for Inclusion and Social Change, University of Colorado, Boulder. This event is free and open to the public. See article, this page.

Mar. 5, 18 and 19 — “Better Together” Denver Women’s Chorus Concert. Performances originally scheduled for January have been rescheduled and will be performed live on March 5, 18 and 19. The concert on March 19 at 7:00 p.m. will also be live-streamed. For more information, go to <https://denverchoruses.org/dwc/>

Generation Grit: Gender and Identity

Youth from Inside Out Youth Services participated in a panel discussion aired on PBS 12 titled “Generation Grit: Gender and Identity” on October 2, 2021.

They explored the idea of gender and dug into questions like: What is gender? How does society affect our view of it, and how can we support youth as they learn more about their own identities?

The half-hour program featured Host Kerrie Joy, a poet, educator and activist; Guest Expert Jax Gonzalez, a sociologist, PhD candidate and queer educator from the University of Colorado in Boulder; and Panelists Brynleigh Lynn and Oliver Cole from Inside Out Youth Services.

The program can be watched online at PBS with this link: <https://video.pbs12.org/video/gender-and-identity-bccy2/>

As of January 3, 2022, Inside Out has resumed in-person programs in its space at 223 North Wahsatch Avenue, Suite 101. Some programs have a hybrid option. See the website, <https://insideoutys.org/programs/> for details.

Thank You

To the Saponas Foundation, First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Ruskey/Bianchi Family for their significant, ongoing support of Colorado Springs PFLAG.



This year the powerful TRANSforming Gender Conference at the University of Colorado in Boulder will be presented online on March 5th. In the past, we had to drive to Boulder for this one-day in-person event, but concerns about the pandemic mean that it is right at our fingertips. And it is FREE!

Anyone interested in gender identity and navigation of transgender questions can take advantage of this conference which raises awareness about issues and identities in the trans community.

It includes parent and family Q&A, Intersex 101, transgender youth advocacy, medical transition, and education for mental health providers.

If your family is involved in transgender and gender identity matters, please consider taking advantage of what the conference offers. See the website for the conference at:

<https://bit.ly/3eYunUy>

The keynote speaker will be Sam Feder, a Peabody Award nominated film director. Sam’s films explore the intersection of visibility and politics along the lines of race, class and gender.

His 2017 Netflix Original Documentary, “Disclosure”, is streaming on Netflix. For more information about the film, see its website: <https://www.disclosurethemovie.com/about>

PFLAG Meetings

You don’t always know where other people are on their journeys. Therefore, PFLAG meetings, both in-person and virtual, must always be treated as a safe space.

Who you meet, and what you hear

Must remain strictly confidential.

Support Colorado Springs PFLAG—Become a Member

You can join at any time of the year. The current membership year extends from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Name: _____

___ New member ___ Renewing member

Address: _____

___ Regular Membership \$ 30
 ___ Supporting Member—Silver 40
 ___ Supporting Member—Gold 60
 ___ Supporting Member—Platinum 100

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Monthly newsletters are sent out by email.

Each year our chapter contributes \$15.00 for each paid membership to the PFLAG national office to support its mission.

Make checks payable to Colorado Springs PFLAG and mail to P.O. Box 49131, Colorado Springs, CO 80949. Membership fees and additional donations are tax deductible. Or pay by credit card online at website: www.cspflag.org PFLAG is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.