



PFLAG Colorado Springs

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

March 2020

Name Change Workshop April 11 at Inside/Out

The Colorado Name Change Project, in collaboration with Inside Out Youth Services, Arrow Insight Counseling and the TransParenting group at Inside Out, will present a Colorado Springs Name Change Workshop on April 11, 2020 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Inside Out Youth Services, 223 North Wahsatch Ave, Suite 101, Colorado Springs. Call (719) 328-1056 to join.

This free workshop will provide information about updating a person's name and gender marker in Colorado. It will be led by attorneys who can answer questions and help guide participants through the process. Also available is information for low-cost/ pro bono attorney referrals and microgrants.

The Colorado Name Change Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free service to help Coloradans legally change their names and gender markers. More information www.namechangeproject.org



Celebrate Our Allies

One Colorado will be celebrating the 2020 Southern Colorado Ally Awards on Friday March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mining Exchange, a Wyndham Hotel, 8 South Nevada Avenue. They will be acknowledging all of the work that's been accomplished on Colorado over the past year, such as banning the harmful practice of conversion therapy and streamlining the process for transgender Coloradans to update their identity documents.

Use this link for ticket information: <http://bit.ly/2lqlaXp>



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PFLAG at UCSS

In February, Wes Prichard and Danette Tritch were invited to speak with Tre Wentling's class at UCSS titled "Trans Studies: Fluidity, Politics, Identities". Among other things, they were asked to reflect on the impact that the increasing number of youth coming out now as non-binary or transgender has had on PFLAG and on Inside/Out Youth Services.

Tre commented afterward: "Wes and Danette were fantastic contributors to our learning community. Wes even generated research data to share with the students and that was a serious extra not anticipated".

Thank you to Wes and Danette.

Taking a Look at *The Advocate*

The Advocate magazine has been the world's leading source of LGBT news and politics for over 50 years. Both magazine and website have an editorial focus on news, politics, opinion, arts and entertainment of interest to lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people and their allies.

Discover the most recent articles published in the print issue, the oldest and largest gay magazine in the United States. Sort through *The Advocate* print issue archives to find articles written by the founders of the modern-day LGBT rights movement like Vito Russo and Gore Vidal. Find out about the historic magazine that was inspired by a police raid of a Los Angeles gay bar and has grown to become a prominent voice for topics related to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community and its allies.

<https://www.advocate.com/print-issue>

MARCH PFLAG MEETING

Tuesday
March 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Conversation/ Support

The Dwelling Place
508 North Tejon Street

Light Refreshments
Social Time 6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.

It is Time to Ban the Gay and Trans Panic Defense

One Colorado has alerted us to the fact that the Colorado House is considering a bill, HB20-1307, which would ban the gay and trans panic defense in Colorado.

The gay and trans "panic" defense is a legal strategy which asks a jury to find that a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity is to blame for the defendant's violent reaction, including murder. When the defense is employed, the perpetrator claims that their victim's sexual orientation or gender identity not only explains – but excuses – their loss of self-control and subsequent assault. The gay and trans panic defense is rooted in irrational fears based on homophobia and transphobia, and send the wrong message that violence against LGBTQ people is acceptable.

Use this link to email your congress person soon to urge them to pass this bill: <http://bit.ly/38sfSTa>

Remember to Plug the Meter!

When attending a PFLAG meeting, remember that parking meters downtown are now active until 10 p.m. ...and...there is free parking in the lot on the southeast corner of Tejon and St. Vrain Streets.



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This newsletter is published by the Colorado Springs Chapter of PFLAG.

PFLAG Vision Statement. PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

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.

To join the local chapter and receive this newsletter regularly, complete and mail the membership form on page four. To receive complimentary copies of the newsletter, please contact us.

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Free Webinars: Understanding Gender for Parents, Families and Friends

Is there someone in your life for whom you would like to have a deeper appreciation for gender diversity? Or maybe you would like to learn more yourself? On March 11 at 11 a.m. Mountain Time the staff of Gender Spectrum will host a free online webinar “Understanding Gender” geared towards parents, family and friends. Register at:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4767217>

Gender Spectrum would love to hear your questions ahead of time, so please include them in your registration form and they will do their best to answer them.

You can join the webinar by Zoom online or by telephone. If you are joining zoom for the first time, we suggest joining a few minutes early, as you may need to download a plugin in order to access Zoom.

Additional webinars will take place on the following dates: June 1, September 10 and December 8. (Check registration pages for times.) See www.genderspectrum.org

The annual Gender Spectrum Conference will be held at Mills College in Oakland, CA, July 17-19.



Denver Gay Men’s Chorus

“Motown and More—From the Temptations to Lizzo” is a concert you will love. The DGMC will perform on Mar. 13-14 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver and at the Waring Theater at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton on Mar. 18.

For ticket information, go to www.dgmc.org or call (303) 325-3959.

Rocky Mountain PBS went along with the chorus last summer when it went to New York for the “Quiet No More”. Watch the film at www.dgmc.org.

March 11—Gender Spectrum Webinar. See article, this page.

March 14-15 — 9th Annual TRANSforming Gender Conference.

The Center for Inclusion and Social Change at the University of Colorado in Boulder will hold its 9th annual TRANSforming Gender Conference (TGC) on March 14-15 at the Wolf Law Building on campus.

The conference is free and open to the public. The conference website describes this as “A conference to increase visibility and education about transgender identities and issues, bringing together the trans and allied communities”. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2Ua7ELM>

March 27—Southern Colorado Ally Awards—5:30 p.m. The Mining Exchange, 8 South Nevada Avenue. For tickets, go to: <http://bit.ly/21glaXp>

April 24 — “Carnival” Queer Prom 7:00—11:00 p.m. \$10 per person, Palmer High School Gym. Presented by Inside Out Youth Services and Palmer High School SAGA.

Colorado Springs Pridefest will be celebrated on July 11-12, 2020.

TYES

Transgender Youth Education and Support (TYES) is a Boulder-based parent group that provides information and a community of support for parents of gender dysphoric and gender variant younger children.

PFLAG collaborates with TYES to provide support to parents in the Pikes Peak region. For more information, call (719) 425-9567 or send an e-mail to info@cspflag.org. The national TYES website is: www.TYES-Colorado.org.

TransParent Group

The TransParent group at Inside/Out for parents of gender variant and transgender youth usually meets on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00—7:30 p.m. at Inside/Out Youth Services, 223 North Wahsatch Ave.

For more information about the meetings, call Inside/Out at 328-1056 or send an e-mail to: transparenting@insideoutys.org