



# PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter October 2017 Newsletter

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## Join us:

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Children's Home Society, 1112 Columbia Street, Vancouver, WA 98660

## Next Education and Support Meeting: October 10, 7pm

- Our guest speaker, Jason Roper, will show a short film and discuss the trauma caused by parental rejection, as well as parental grief.
- Our regular support session will follow.

## Dates to remember:

- October 20-22, PFLAG National Convention at Portland, Oregon with over 40 workshops to choose from. [More information and registration at www.PFLAG.Org/2017convention](http://www.PFLAG.Org/2017convention)
- November 14, 7pm, PFLAG SWWA meeting
- November 21, 5pm, Triple Point Harvest Pride Thanksgiving Dinner at the YWCA
- December 12, 7pm, PFLAG SWWA meeting  
Join us in creating Christmas goodie bags for the Triple Point youth

## PEACE AND JUSTICE FAIR

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, PFLAG Southwest Washington joined over 100 other organizations including the Children's Home Society at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair. It was fun and educational.

Founded in 2003, the Fair builds community among grassroots peace and justice groups in Southwest Washington and highlights common goals of peace and justice at home, in our community, and the world. For more information go to [www.vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org](http://www.vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org)



Barbara Aitken & Nancy Dresher at the PFLAG booth with new banner



## TRIPLE POINT ANNUAL PICNIC

For many years the PFLAG Southwestern Washington Chapter has sponsored the annual Triple Point picnic. Chapter president, Barbara Aiken, recalls that at the first picnic just one Triple Point youth attended. Fast forward to the August 15, 2017 picnic where over 30 attended.

After the traditional Triple Point introductory circle the youth and their leaders were treated to dinner. The PFLAG chapter provided sub sandwiches and water while members donated chips, veggies, deserts, and salads.

Then, the youth participated in a fun People, Place, or Thing quiz game and enjoyed a relaxing time in Esther Short Park.



PFLAG members and Triple Point Leaders pose behind the picnic spread provided by the chapter.



## PFLAG NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

### **GENDER BASICS FOR PARENTS**

**Online October 3rd**

PFLAG is hearing from more and more parents whose children are transgender, non-binary or otherwise gender-expansive, and our leaders need the latest information, language and tools to help support these parents in their journey. PFLAG is partnering with the national nonprofit Gender Spectrum in our joint work in support of these families! To help launch the partnership, On **October 3 from 8:30-9:30 ET**, Gender Spectrum's Executive Director Lisa Kenney will be [leading a webinar on "Gender Basics for Parents"](#).

Lisa is the co-author of *The Transgender Teen: A Handbook for Parents and Professionals Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary Teens*, and she will join us for this amazing one-time presentation of [Gender Basics for Parents](#) as a part of PFLAG Academy Online. This exclusive e-learning session is open to PFLAG members and supporters nationwide.

During the webinar, Lisa will discuss the dimensions of gender, gender and sexual orientation, the new language of gender, and how to best navigate the evolving understandings of gender in support of PFLAG families and our community. You will also have an opportunity to ask Lisa any questions about gender that have come up for you in your work with PFLAG or in your own life!

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### **HEALTH RISK BEHAVIORS AMONG GENDER EXPANSIVE STUDENTS**

**On demand any time you want to watch**

**Speaker is Alison Gill**

In addition to transgender youth, gender expansive (also called gender nonconforming or non-binary) youth are receiving a great deal of attention in the media and among educators and policymakers. However, until now there has been very limited population-based data about gender expansive students and their unique health risks and disparities. This webinar will present data from a [newly released report](#), based on the sites that used the optional gender expression Youth Risk Behavior Survey question in 2013 and 2015, to examine the associations between gender nonconformity and various health risk behaviors.

In this session you'll:

- Better understand the health disparities and risk behaviors faced by gender expansive students.
- Know how to communicate the need for robust data collection pertaining to gender expression and gender expansive students.
- Discuss how local advocates can encourage municipalities to use this optional gender expression question on their surveys.
- Learn more about how to adapt programming to meet the needs of vulnerable gender expansive students and their families.

**See PFLAG Online Academy at [www.pflag.org/onlineacademy](http://www.pflag.org/onlineacademy)  
for many more on-demand educational programs**