



PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter

March 2018 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 **FOR MARCH ONLY**
The meeting will be held at 309 West 12th Street

Next Education and Support Meeting: March 13, 7pm

- We will learn about the Queer Youth Resource Center (QYRC)
- The education session will be followed by our caring and sharing support group

2018 dates to remember:

- April 10, 7pm, PFLAG SWWA meeting
- May 8, 7pm PFLAG SWWA meeting
- June 12, 7pm, PFLAG SWWA meeting
- July 10, 7pm, PFLAG SWWA meeting
- July 14, Saturday in the Park, Vancouver's Pride Event, 11-6pm, Esther Short Park
- August 14, 7pm, PFLAG SWWA meeting
- September 9, 9-4pm, Peace and Justice Fair, Esther Short Park

Celebrating PFLAG National's 45th Anniversary

Last month we celebrated PFLAG Southwest Washington's 22nd anniversary. This month we celebrate the 45th anniversary of the first meeting of PFLAG. We will enjoy birthday cake and sing happy birthday!



History of PFLAG

In April 1972, Jeanne Manford and her husband were at home when they learned that her son Morty, a gay activist, had been beaten while distributing flyers inside a political gathering in New York City. In response, she wrote a protest letter of to the *New York Post* that identified herself as the mother of a gay protester and complained of police inaction. Then on June 25, she participated with her son in the New York Pride March, carrying a hand-lettered sign that read "Parents



of Gays Unite in Support for Our Children". Because of the enthusiastic reception, they created an organization of the parents of gays and lesbians that could be, she later said, "a bridge between the gay community and the heterosexual community."

The first formal meeting took place on March 11, 1973 at the Metropolitan-Duane Methodist Church in Greenwich Village. Twenty people attended.

By 1980, PFLAG, then known as Parents FLAG, began to distribute information to educational institutions and communities of faith nationwide. This establishing PFLAG as a source of information for the general public. When “Dear Abby” mentioned PFLAG in one of her advice columns, we received more than 7,000 letters requesting information. In 1981, members decided to launch a national organization. The first PFLAG National office was established in Los Angeles. In 1982, the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc., then representing some 20 groups, was incorporated in California and granted non-profit, tax-exempt status. Today there are over 400 chapters nationwide.

PFLAG Southwest Washington was incorporated as a non-profit on February 28, 1996.



Washington State News

Legislature OKs Ban on Conversion Therapy

By Associated Press

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OLYMPIA — The Washington Legislature has passed a bill to ban licensed therapists from trying to change a minor’s sexual orientation.

The Senate agreed on changes made in the House to Senate Bill 5722 and passed it on a 33-16 vote Saturday. It now heads to Gov. Jay Inslee for his signature.

The bill would deem it “unprofessional conduct” for a licensed health care provider to perform conversion therapy on a patient under the age of 18.

Under the measure, if the provider violates the law, they would face sanctions ranging from fines to license revocation or suspension. Changes made in the House include the measure applying to non-licensed counselors operating as part of a religious organization, religious denomination or church.



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