



# PFLAG *Southwest Washington Chapter*

## September 2018 Newsletter

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### Join us at our regular meetings:

Second Tuesdays, 7pm  
Children’s Home Society  
1112 Columbia Street,  
Vancouver, WA 98660

### PFLAG Washington State Council 2018 Fall Conference

*Opening Doors to Safe Spaces*  
*September 29, 2018*

Our chapter will host the conference, to be held at the Clark Public Utilities Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

### Next Education and Support

#### Meeting: September 11, 7pm

- This month, a panel of parents of LGBTQ sons and daughters will discuss the parent’s coming out stories and experiences and where they found support.
- The education session will be followed by our caring and sharing support group

### Speakers and Topics

- **Jim Ritter** of the Seattle Police Department: *Safe Spaces in Law Enforcement*
- **Seth Kirby**, Executive Director of Oasis Youth Center, Chair of Washington Won’t Discriminate, and Pride Foundation Board member: *Safe Spaces for Youth and Immigrants*

### Featured Speaker: Diego Sanchez: *Safe Spaces in Advocacy*

#### Diego Miguel Sanchez

PFLAG Director of Advocacy, Policy & Partnerships, Federal and State Policy

A native of Augusta, GA and long-time Massachusetts resident, Diego was most recently Senior Policy Advisor to Congressman Barney Frank until the representative’s retirement in 2013. Diego made history as the first openly transgender person to work as a senior legislative staff member on Capitol Hill. He also testified before Congress in the historic Transgender Discrimination Hearing in 2008 and in the same year became the first openly trans person ever appointed to the DNC Platform Committee. Prior to his four years in DC, Diego spent five years as Director of Public Relations and External Affairs at the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, and AIDS Action Council, DC. Before moving into the non-profit sector, Diego worked for 20 award-winning years in global public relations, marketing, and diversity management.



### 2018 dates to remember:

- September 8, Peace and Justice Fair, 9am-4pm, Esther Short Park
- September 22, Fourth Plain Multicultural Festival, 12pm-6pm, Evergreen Park, 3500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd
- September 28-29, PFLAG Washington State Council Fall Conference, hosted by our chapter in Vancouver
- October 9, 2018, 7pm PFLAG SWWA meeting
- November 13, 2018, 7pm PFLAG SWWA meeting
- December 11, 2018, 7pm PFLAG SWWA meeting



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Southwest Washington Chapter



Washington  
State Council  
Moving Equality Forward  
www.pflagwa.org

Invite you to attend the 2018  
PFLAG Washington State Council Fall Conference  
at the 'Couve . . .

'Couve means Vancouver . . .  
That's Vancouver WA, not Vancouver BC . . .  
You know, near Portland . . .  
Portland OR, not Portland ME . . .  
By the Columbia . . .  
That's Columbia River, not District of Columbia . . .  
In Clark County . . .  
Clark County WA, not Clark County NV!



### Opening Doors to Safe Places

Special speaker is Diego Sanchez, PFLAG National Director of Advocacy

Dates: Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29

Friday eve get together: Beaches Restaurant, 5:30pm-8:30pm,  
1919 SE Columbia River Drive, Vancouver, WA 98661

Saturday conference location: Clark County Public Utilities Community Room,  
8:30am-4:30pm, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663

Cost: \$20 cash or check per attendee at the door

Pre-registration required: Register at [www.pflagwsc.org](http://www.pflagwsc.org)

2018

# Fall Conference

## 'Opening Doors to Safe Spaces'

Special Guests:



Diego Sanchez  
PFLAG National



Seth Kirby  
Oasis Youth Center



Officer Jim Ritter  
Seattle PD

Join Us  
Friday Night!

September 28, 2018  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**BEACHES**

RESTAURANT • BAR • CATERING  
1919 SE Columbia River Drive, Van, Wa

Register at [www.pflagwsc.org](http://www.pflagwsc.org)

Learn more on how you can open doors to  
safe places for LGBTQ youth by attending  
the Fall Washington State Council  
conference on September 29 in Vancouver.

**My Parents Don't Accept Me**

♥ ... but PFLAG does! ♥



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Welcome you to the  
Fall 2018 PFLAG Washington State Council Conference  
*Opening Doors to Safe Spaces*

September 29, 2018

Agenda

Times	Topics	Speakers
8:30am-9am	Continental Breakfast	
9am-9:15am	Welcome	Shelly Cooper • WSC President
9:15am-10:15am	Washington State Council Business • Row call of the chapters • Financial report	Shelly Cooper Cynthia Gyger • WSC Secretary Kathy Reim • WSC Treasurer
10:15am-10:30	Break	
10:30am-12pm	Safe Spaces in Law Enforcement	Jim Ritter • Seattle Police Department
12pm-1:15pm	Enjoy lunch and take a stroll around the Fort Vancouver National Historical Site	
1:15pm-2:45pm	Safe Spaces for Youth and Immigrants	Seth Kirby • Executive Director of Oasis Youth Center, Chair of Washington Won't Discriminate, Member of Pride Foundation Board
2:45pm-3pm	Break	
3pm-4:30pm	Safe Spaces in Advocacy	Diego Sanchez • PFLAG National Director of Advocacy
4:30pm	Closing Remarks	Drew Griffin • WSC Vice President

Do you have an idea for an Education and Support meeting speaker or have a topic of interest you would like to have presented? If you do, please tell us by emailing to [pflagswa@gmail.com](mailto:pflagswa@gmail.com)



## Annual Triple Point Picnic

PFLAG Southwest Washington and the Children's Home Society put on the annual Triple Point Picnic for LGBTQ youth, on Tuesday, August 28 at Esther Short Park. Fifty-one youth and adults attended. The chapter provided sandwiches and water while members, parents and friends brought salads, sodas, chips, and desserts.

Triple Point group is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and questioning youth ages 11-18. Triple Point exists to empower LGBTQ+ youth and allies by providing education, safety, support and acceptance.

## Go Ready Festival

PFLAG Southwest Washington participated in the 2018 Vancouver School District's *Go Ready* festival at Hudson's Bay High School on August 22. *Go Ready* is designed to help students get ready for school.

The event included food, entertainment, family-friendly activities, and information about early learning, employment, counseling, health care, housing and other resources such as PFLAG.



PFLAGERS Dale Clukey, Linda Buckley, and De Stewart tabled at the *Go Ready* event. Linda provided Spanish interpretation.

## You are invited to join PFLAG at the Peace and Justice Fair

### Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair

Saturday, September 8th 9AM-4PM Esther Short Park

The Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair will showcase the hard work and creative spirit of individuals, social justice groups, peace organizations, faith communities, performers, artists, businesses, and environmental activists who are making the world a better place. Come on down!

- Get your picture taken at the Photobooth!
- Get a prize after completing a Passport of engaging activities
- Ride the new Ryd electric bus!
- Free facepainting and button making for children of all ages
- Meet a Peace Hero (reenactor)
- Enter the free raffle for prizes
- Music throughout the day



[www.vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org](http://www.vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org)

**Date: Saturday, September 8**

**Times: 9am-4pm**

**Place: Esther Short Park**

**Free Admission**

Come enjoy the many activities going on! Music, dance, poetry, children's activities, and all kinds of exhibits.

PFLAG Southwest Washington will be there to share PFLAG's mission and history.

**CELEBRATE THE  
FOURTH PLAIN COMMUNITY  
FOOD MUSIC ART  
DANCE & SPORT  
FROM AROUND THE GLOBE**



**EVERGREEN PARK  
SEPTEMBER 22 NOON-6PM  
FREE!** [fourthplainforward.org/multicultural-festival](http://fourthplainforward.org/multicultural-festival)



**Please join PFLAG as We Celebrate  
The Fourth Plain Multicultural Festival**

**Date: Saturday, September 22**

**Times: 12pm-6pm**

**Place: Evergreen Park**

**Free Admission**

Celebrate Vancouver's Fourth Plain International District at the community's annual festival, featuring food, music, art, dance, and sport from around the globe! The Fourth Plain Multicultural Festival is free and family-friendly, and will have live multicultural music and dance performances throughout the event, local food vendors, a celebration of the four new Fourth Plain wall murals, games and activities for people of all ages, and booths for local organizations. The festival's location at Evergreen Park is adjacent to a Vine (Bus Rapid Transit) stop--walking, biking or taking transit is encouraged! ALL are welcome! Bring along your family, friends and neighbors, and come join in the fun!