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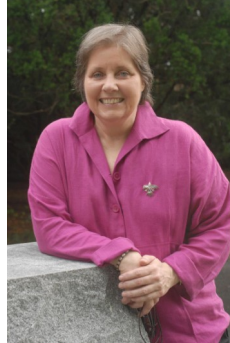
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April 2011

New Research Offers Strategies for Support

Saturday April 2nd - Monday April 4th

Want to reconsider how PFLAG does their support mission to parents? Plan to attend one of the community presentations funded in part by our Open Door Fund grant. Led by PFLAG Boulder, a coalition of local organizations will host a series of presentations by **Dr. Caitlin Ryan, Director of The Family Acceptance Project™** and internationally recognized researcher and expert on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and the impact of family acceptance - and rejection - on the lives of these young people.



Her cutting edge research over 35 years led to the formation of The Family Acceptance Project,™ the only community research, intervention, education and policy initiative that works to decrease major health and related risks for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth, such as suicide, substance abuse, HIV and homelessness - in the context of their families.

Dr. Ryan will present, "Always Our Kids: A Path to Family Acceptance" at four different times and locations. The free trainings are open to the public. Members of the LGBT communities, parents, professionals in all fields who work with youth and allies are expected to attend. The presentations will provide information on how to promote well-being for LGBT children and adolescents and how families and communities can respond and adapt when LGBT youth come out.

Presentations in Denver and Boulder County include:

- **Saturday, April 2 - 10:30am - noon** -- Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline (this event is affiliated with the Cesar Chavez Celebration)
- **Saturday, April 2 – noon – 4:30 pm**, Jared Polis Auditorium, Johnson and Wales University, Denver.
- **Sunday, April 3 - 2:00 - 4:30pm** -- Boulder, First United Methodist Church. Musical opening by the Denver Gay Men's Chorus ensemble, Ambassadors and Mosaic Youth Chorus; ; refreshments will follow Dr. Ryan's presentation.
- **Monday, April 4 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm** -- Skyline High School Library, 600 E Mountain Ave, Longmont (food and child care will be provided during this presentation).

Dr Ryan's visit is co-sponsored by Boulder Valley School District, PEN (Parent Engagement Network), PFLAG Boulder County, Out Boulder, Boulder County Public Health, Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition, St Vrain Safe Schools Coalition.

PFLAG Program: The Graying of Gays

Tuesday, April 12th, 7pm

Our program will be led by Aging Services staff member, Andrea Davis. The newly revised film, "Project Visibility" features a transgender woman among the courageous elders who speak about their lives, their strengths, wishes, and concerns about the aging services network. LGBT elders will share their experiences as well as resources and services for the senior LGBT community. This program will point to the increased need for greater acceptance, understanding, and action by the majority population.

Meetings

PFLAG Boulder County
First United Methodist Church
1421 Spruce Street
14th & Spruce - 303.444.8164

7:00 PM - Program
8:30 PM - Support & Advocacy Groups Meet

The public is always welcome to the main program at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, held in the Parlor.

At 8:30 p.m. a support group, especially intended for newcomers and others dealing with personal LGBT-related issues, meets in the library as long as needed. Confidentiality is promised.

Contact info@pflagboulder.org with questions, concerns, or requests for support to get a personal response.

April 2nd - 4th
Dr. Caitlin Ryan Events

April 12th
PFLAG Program:
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Let's Create a PFLAG Table at the Open Door Fund Dinner!

Sunday, April 10th at 5:30pm

Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Program 7:30 pm

\$125 per person | \$1250 per table of 10
The St Julien Hotel, 900 Walnut Street, Boulder

Please join us for an evening of celebration & support for Boulder County's LGBT Community! The Open Door Fund has provided PFLAG with grants almost yearly since 1996. These funds allow us to do our Community Outreach such as bringing Caitlin Ryan to Boulder County on April 2-4 and in 2010 producing our film, "Faces and Facets of Transgender Experience." This fundraising dinner is an opportunity to give back.

Besides the silent and action auction during the evening, guest keynoter, Megan Kennedy, co-director and producer of the film, **Put This On The [Map]**, will speak on the challenges facing LGBT youth today and the solutions young people are creating for themselves. Her film, which premiered in October, received two awards in this past weekend's Seattle Lesbian & Gay Film Festival: Audience Vote for Best Local Film and the Jury Vote of Honorable Mention for Short Film. The film features 26 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) young people combating the lack of queer visibility in Seattle's Eastside suburbs. Two local youth, our own youth board member, Dan Mestas, and also Ace Eckstein, will share about the challenges and actions of Boulder County LGBT youth.

Kennedy's powerful film sparked the "Reteaching Gender and Sexuality" campaign, which is currently on an international tour of the U.S. and England. The ultimate goal of the campaign is to shift the way society thinks about gender and sexuality.

For tickets go to www.regonline.com/opendoorfunddinner/2011. For questions email Jaye.Zola@gmail.com. When you reserve ticket(s) for yourself, ask to be seated at the PFLAG table.

Resonance Concert About "Minding the Gap"

Saturday April 9th & Saturday April 16th, 2pm and 7pm

Resonance Women's Chorus, now in its ninth year, has created a mature sound of their 125 or so voices. Under the skilled direction of Sue Coffee, this upcoming Resonance concert will provide a rewarding musical treat for their faithful followers. Three concerts are scheduled over two weekends: Saturday, April 9, at 3 p.m. and Saturday, April 16, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1421 Spruce St. in downtown Boulder.

Tickets: \$15 GA; \$10 Sr./Child; Available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/163719.
Cash and check only at Boulder Body Wear, 2660 Canyon at Marriott Hotel, 303-447-9100; or at the door.

Final Call for Nominations for Annual PFLAG Awards on May 10!

Please contact Kristen Kinard (klkinard@comcast.net) **by April 10** with your letter of nomination for persons in any of these categories: allies or LGBT activists in faith communities, education, legislators, youth, business, and LGBT community activism.



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Almost Perfect

By Brian Katcher, Delacourt Books

A well-done tale of high school romance with a new twist. Logan is a depressed high school senior in a western Missouri small town. His long-time girlfriend Brenda has recently dumped him. When a new girl at school – Sage – joins Logan and his buddy Tim’s “team” in biology class, Logan quickly is attracted to her. Similarly, Sage is attracted to him. As they get to know one another and spend time together, Logan’s typical male instincts lead him toward making out with Sage – but she resists. Logan is frustrated and angry, but still wants to be with Sage and Sage still wants to be friends with him.

As Logan tries to understand why this beautiful girl is unwilling to make out, with even light petting, Sage finally tells him her secret – she is transgender. Logan freaks out – if this gets out, his buddies will think he is gay!! This really complicates the customary ups and downs of a teen-age romance. She is still beautiful, she still wants to be friends, and Logan realizes he still likes her. The story follows Logan as Sage tells him about her feelings and needs as well as the realities of transitioning. Their eventual sexual encounter is handled gently, with feeling, but it leads to further complications and confusion in Logan’s mind.

This is a very well done young adult book that brings out the realities of a transgender student’s life and problems and the effect they can have on those who know them. Homophobia/transphobia is well documented through the story, but so is love and understanding. I recommend it highly.

Reviewed for Amazon.com by Dave Parker, National PFLAG Board Member.

Photos of Angie, by Alan Dominguez

World Premier Film about Angie Zapata, April 9th, 6pm

This one-hour film tells the story of Angie Zapata, a young transgender woman brutally murdered in Greeley, Colorado in 2008. Her death and the subsequent trial received widespread coverage for its brutality. This moving and powerful documentary chronicles the life and murder of Angie Zapata -- a transgender teen who was murdered in rural Colorado in 2008. The film includes extensive interviews with her family about her journey of self-discovery, transgender lives across the globe, hate crimes legislation, and the mysterious nature of her killer -- all against the backdrop of his trial. The film features a haunting score by Mackenzie Gault of the band The Flobots and a song from L.A.-based, Ozomatli.

Reception and fundraiser at 6 p.m. for the Colorado Anti-Violence Program; film at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Su Teatro at the Denver Civic Theatre, 721 Sante Fe. Dr., Denver.

Order tickets by phone: 303-296-0219 Cost: \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door

Have You Phoned Your Legislator Yet?

Civil Unions in Colorado Would Boost the State Budget!

A new Williams Institute study at UCLA School of Law shows that allowing same-sex and different-sex couples to enter civil unions in Colorado would boost the state budget by nearly \$5 million over three years. The increase in state funds results from savings in expenditures on state means-tested public benefit programs, state license fees, and sales tax revenues. The study predicts that Colorado’s same-sex couples would spend nearly \$19 million on civil union ceremonies. Out of state guests would generate an additional \$6 million in spending.

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The Softening of Masculinity in English Sixth Forms

By Mark McCormack, published in *openDemocracy.com* March 1, 2011

How has a decrease in the stigma attached to homosexuality impacted on the lives of boys in English schools, on their self-images, and on their relationships with one another?

In the 1980s and early 1990s British society was gripped by extreme homophobia. The rise of conservative politics and the 'moral majority' coincided with the backlash from the AIDS crisis that resulted in homosexuality being thoroughly stigmatised. Any attempt to foster pro-gay attitudes in schools was deemed an attempt to corrupt Britain's youth. Section 28 banned the 'promotion' of homosexuality in schools, silencing all discussion of gay issues in the classroom. Even progressive teachers feared retribution for speaking positively about homosexuality....

However, my recent research shows that things have changed for today's youth. Even if poisonous articles occasionally appear in newspapers like the *Daily Mail*, social attitudes towards homosexuality have markedly improved. And this change is most profound in the most unlikely of demographics - heterosexual male students....

To read the entire article, go to:

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/mark-mccormack/softening-of-masculinity-in-english-sixth-forms>

One Fearless Act Begets Another

Inspired by President Obama's brave choice to defend marriage equality, Jared Polis has united with Reps. Jerrold Nadler and Barney Frank to introduce the Respect For Marriage Act. If passed, it will repeal DOMA.

As with all LGBT-friendly legislation in the Republican-dominated House, the odds are against us on this one. That's why your help is needed to advocate for this bill to show the truth: that most Americans support marriage equality.

Sign our petition and become an advocate for the Respect For Marriage Act now --
<http://www.fearlesscampaign.com/rfma-petition>

By fighting for marriage equality now, even if we lose, "we will lose forward" as Evan Wolfson, head of Freedom to Marry, likes to say. We can make sure that the Respect For Marriage Act will be on the top of the legislative agenda when a more supportive party regains the majority! Be part of the process that helps our laws to evolve for equality.



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7am—3:30pm



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United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Traveling Exhibition: Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945

On display April 21 through May 22, 2011 in Boulder

A broad coalition of community organizations has come together to bring to Boulder a traveling exhibition from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC titled "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945." This exhibition will be on display April 21, 2011 through May 22, 2011 at the Boulder Public Library (1001 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder).

Thousands of homosexuals, primarily gay men, perished at the hands of the Nazis in concentration camps by the Nazis along with six million Jews and other victims including, Roma (Gypsies), Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the people with disabilities during World War II and the Holocaust. The USHMM created this traveling exhibition to tell this important story in communities throughout the U.S.

Through reproductions of 250 historic photographs and documents, "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945" examines the rationale, means, and impact of the Nazi regime's attempt to eradicate homosexuality, which left thousands dead and shattered the lives of countless victims of the Nazi era.

The exhibition is self-guided, open to the public and free of charge. It takes about 60 to 90 minutes to view the exhibit. Groups are welcome to tour the exhibit - no RSVP is needed.

Starting April 21st, the exhibition is open during regular library hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday: 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Please join Out Boulder and co-sponsors on **Thursday, April 21st for the OPENING RECEPTION at the Boulder Public Library Auditorium and Art Gallery from 5 to 7pm.**

Study on Openly Gay Fathers

Help to learn how fatherhood affects a gay man's relationships with his own parents

Our PFLAG website receives fairly frequent requests for help with research. We usually don't pass them on. This one is an online survey for a research project exploring family relationships of gay men who became fathers after coming out. Information from this study will help advance the knowledge of families, gay fatherhood, and adult child-parent relationships. If you are interested in helping out with this study you can access the survey at: <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Gay-Dads-Survey>.

This study is being conducted by Romi Mann, M.A., a graduate student and doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, California, under the supervision of Anne C. Bernstein, Ph.D. Questions? Contact Romi Mann at rmann@wi.edu

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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www.fumcboulder.org

Education Hour 9am - Worship 10:30am

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Embracing Inclusivity

Sharing God's Unconditional Love



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PFLAG Boulder meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 14th and Spruce, Boulder, Colorado. Program starts at 7:00 pm, sharing time begins at 8:30 pm.

REMEMBER, our confidentiality pledge must not be broken.

Newsletter is published monthly. A subscription is included with each membership to PFLAG. Material related to PFLAG is welcome from any source. Deadline is the twentieth of each month. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject, or edit any material submitted.

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PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gays, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families and friends through:

SUPPORT, to cope with an adverse society;
EDUCATION, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and
ADVOCACY, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights.

PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Helping Your Transgender Teen

By Irwin Krieger - Genderwise Press, New Haven, CT

I am pleased to recommend Irwin Krieger's book "Helping your Transgender Teen" to all PFLAG chapters as an excellent tool for helping any parents of transgender or questioning teens who come to your meetings. Dave Parker, President PFLAG Transgender Network.

This guide for parents of transgender teens is a well-written, easy reading, basic presentation of how to deal intelligently with your transgender or questioning teenager. Irwin Krieger is a clinical social worker with more than 25 years experience working with the LGBT community.

There are a number of books about understanding our transgender children of all ages. Many of them are more psychological treatises that are not necessarily the best introduction for "new" parents. Others relate best to adult transgender awareness, while others are directed toward helping parents accept the reality of gender variance themselves rather than dealing with their child.

More and more teens are self-identifying as transgender. They need the love and support of their families. *Helping Your Transgender Teen* is an excellent choice for their parents.

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