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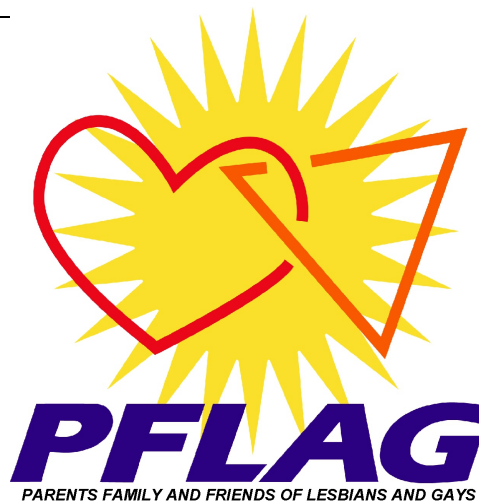
Website: <http://www.pflag-madison.org>

Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting: 2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



**Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ
People to move equality forward**

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Education

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NEXT MEETING – March 19

CUNA Mutual and American Family representative will discuss their companies' diversity and inclusion policies.

February 19th meeting summary

Cecil Wilson from the University of Wisconsin LGBTQ Campus Center was the featured speaker at February's meeting. The center is a permanent group meaning it is not funded by student fees.

The LGBTQ Campus Center has three primary functions. The first is a safe space for LGBTQ students. The center has a conference room, couches, tvs, wifi, snacks and art supplies. Students are free to relax, eat lunch, complete work, or talk with a staff member. A second function is as a resource center. It contains a small ever-expanding library that is connected to the larger campus library center. It also contains information from other campus centers and organizations. The center works closely with LGBTQ students of color and those with disabilities. It will also help students submit hate crime or bias reports. Thirdly, the center hosts various events and programs. It has a mentorship program that connects mentors with students looking for support and guidance. Four bi-weekly (every two weeks) peer-facilitated discussion groups are held at the center. These include Gender Explorers, Fluid Sexuality, Worldwide Rainbow, and Rooted (a discussion group intended for those who self-identify as LGBTQ people of color).

The center also offers a leadership seminar called "QELP"--Queer Emerging Leaders Program. This is a 12-14 week seminar with a student/staff-designed curriculum that students can take for credit. The cumulative project must address a need in their community (dorm, class, etc). The objective is to leave the course with a specific plan in hand designed to make a lasting structural change on campus.

Contact information:

<http://www.lgbt.wisc.edu>

Facebook: University of Wisconsin LGBTQ Campus Center

Madison PFLAG Brochure on the Madison PFLAG Website

The Madison PFLAG brochure was recently adapted for upload to the PFLAG website (thanks, Jean Williams). ISP statistics show that it was accessed seven times in February. Not bad for something that was installed with little or no publicity. If interested in viewing the brochure, you can link to it from the Madison PFLAG website home page, or go directly to <http://pflag-madison.org/PFLAG%20Brochure.pdf>. You can most easily print it in its brochure form on a printer that will print duplex forms.

The PFLAG Voice: Title IX Guidance

In the last week of February, the Trump administration Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Education (DOE) rescinded the previous Administration's DOJ and DOE guidance regarding Title IX protections for trans children. It was a major attack on dignity, fairness, and the right to a safe and equal education for transgender students, and PFLAG was solidly in the lead, speaking out not only on the injustice of the move, but on ways to combat it.

Read the entire article, including recommendations and PFLAG actions, [here](#).

PFLAG Policy Matters: Kaiser Family Foundation Report

[KFF report: ACA Medicaid expansion increased nationwide health coverage for people with HIV](#). In the first national analysis to measure and report this since the ACA was implemented in 2010, Kaiser Family Foundation concluded that rolling back the ACA's Medicaid expansion would significantly impact coverage for people with HIV.

OutReach: 2017 Pride Parade date scheduled

Hello everyone!

We finally have a date for Pride this year! Sunday August 20th.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1718414595117403/?notif_t=plan_user_invited¬if_id=148763477710705

I will be sending out the application soon, so please PEN in the date for your calendars :)

Cheers, Angie

Angie Rehling, M.S.W.
Program Director

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May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks.
May your heart be as light as a song.
May each day bring you bright, happy hours
that stay with you all the year long.