



Pride and Joy Families

Helping LGBTQ people in Upstate New York achieve their goals of building and sustaining healthy families since 2000.

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Happy Spring/Summer!

Late spring has arrived in upstate New York! This edition of the Pride and Joy Families Newsletter is dedicated to informing you about the goings on for LGBTQ families in the coming months. Please review these pages and find out about programs and events taking place in Syracuse, Binghamton, Ithaca and Rochester. We hope to see your family at one or more of them!

Meanwhile, you are invited to join us as we celebrate the **10 Year Anniversary** of the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project and our Pride and Joy Families network on Saturday, May 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Syracuse, NY. The Q Center @ ACR (a beautiful LGBTQ youth space) will house the celebration, which will feature a reading by Vince Sgambati, kid activities, including magic and balloon animals by Jeff Sterling, lovely refreshments for grown-ups and for kids, including a chocolate fountain, a slide show of images of our families over the years, giveaways, and a timeline that permits you to add your family's dates-to-remember. Please RSVP to lesgayfamblg@aol.com or phone at 607.724.4308.

2011 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference. We are thrilled to announce the date and location of our fourth LGBTQ families conference: April 8-10, 2011 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Rochester! This time around we will bring the conference to western NY and join together with three Rochester-based cosponsors: the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley (gayalliance.org), Aids Care (acrochester.org) and Rainbow Sage (rainbowsage.org). COLAGE and Gay Parent Magazine will continue as our national cosponsors. The conference hotel is located right off of the NYS Thruway, is roomy (with pool, of course!), and has flexible meeting spaces and very good food. Please drop us an email and ask for more information about the Conference.

Pre-conference provider training day, April 8, 2011. New to next year's program is a full-day of LGBTQ cultural competency training for educators, foster/adoption professionals, and medical and other health and human service providers. Please drop us an email and ask for more information about the provider training day.

Registration is now open for **Family Week** in Provincetown, MA, which takes place July 31-August 7. This annual gathering of hundreds of LGBTQ families from all over the country is sponsored by Family Equality Council (www.familyequality.org) and COLAGE (www.colage.org). Visit either website for details and to register.

Who Are We?

The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project is funded by a grant from the New York State Health Department and is dedicated to helping Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer people in New York State achieve their goals of building and sustaining healthy families. Our network of Pride and Joy Families provides social and educational activities and a sense of community to LGBTQ parents and their children.

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Pride and Joy Families Rochester Summer 2010



Sunday, May 16

COLAGE Meeting at Gay Alliance Youth Center

Sunday, May 23

P&J Families Hike

Tuesday, June 1

PFLAG Rochester Monthly Educational Program

Sunday, June 13

COLAGE Meeting at Gay alliance Youth Center

Saturday, June 19

Family Barbeque

Saturday, July 17

Pride Parade and Memorial Art Gallery Pride Family Day

Sunday, July 18

Pride Picnic

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Rochester Event Details

Sunday, May 16, 5-7 pm

COLAGE at Gay Alliance Youth Center, 875 E. Main Street (use Prince Street entrance). Children ages 8 and up and their LGBTQ parents are invited. COLAGE (www.COLAGE.org) provides support and a safe place for kids and teens with one or more LGBTQ parents. Bring a dish to pass. The kids have planned this one! Sponsored by Pride and Joy Families with support from the Gay Alliance. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Karen Goulet, Outreach and Education Consultant, at 585.244.8640 x37, or kgoulet@prideandjoyfamilies.org.

Sunday, May 23, 1-3 pm

Family Hike and Geocaching at Mendon Ponds Park. a picnic and join us for a comfortable hike. a little about "geocaching" over your picnic meal and then we'll hit the trails. For exact location, to RSVP, or to check alternate plans in the case of inclement weather, please check the Rochester listserv or contact Karen Goulet, Outreach and Education Consultant at kgoulet@prideandjoyfamilies.org or 585.244.8640, ext. 37 (info. Line).

Tuesday, June 1, 7-9 pm

PFLAG Rochester Monthly Educational Program (first Tuesdays), St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2000 Highland Avenue, Corner of So. Winton, downstairs Fellowship Hall. Please park on street. Karen Goulet is this month's speaker. Karen is Outreach and Education Consultant for WNY for the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project (www.PrideAndJoyFamilies.org). Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays knows the personal realities of having a GLBT child, family member, spouse or friend. In PFLAG you'll find support, education and allies who advocate for full inclusion of the GLBT people we love. Information at 585.244.8640 x37, PFLAG@gayalliance.org.

Sunday, June 13, 5-7 pm

COLAGE at Gay Alliance Youth Center, 875 E. Main Street (use Prince Street entrance). Children ages 8 and up and their LGBTQ parents are invited. Everyone loves a parade! a plain white t-shirt to tie-dye and decorate. will be getting ready for next month's PRIDE parade! COLAGE (www.COLAGE.org) provides support and a safe place for kids and teens with one or more LGBTQ parents. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by Pride and Joy Families with support from the Gay Alliance. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Karen Goulet, Outreach and Education Consultant, at 585.244.8640 x37, or kgoulet@prideandjoyfamilies.org.

Saturday, June 19, 3-5 pm

Family Barbecue at Powder Mills, Pittsford, NY. Bring your family and a dish to pass. 'll have the grill fired up for those who'd also like to bring burgers, dogs, or other grillables. settings and drinks will also be provided; please RSVP to ensure we have enough to go around! more information, to RSVP, or to check alternate plans in the case of inclement weather, please contact Karen Goulet, Outreach and Education Consultant, kgoulet@prideandjoyfamilies.org, or call the info line at 585.244.8640, ext. 37.

Looking ahead to July

Saturday, July 10 – Pride Day at Seabreeze. For Pride and Joy Families meet-up information, please contact Karen Goulet, Outreach and Education Consultant, kgoulet@prideandjoyfamilies.org, or call the info line at 585.244.8640, ext. 37.

Saturday, July 17 – Pride Family Day at the Memorial Art Gallery. Free admission and an art project for you to take home. The MAG lawn is the perfect place to view the parade.

Sunday, July 18 – Pride Picnic at Genesee Valley Park. Family Tent and Activities!



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Binghamton Summer 2010

**LGBTQ Adult Education Series, Part 1:
Advance Healthcare Planning**
Tuesday, May 18

**LGBTQ Adult Education Series, Part 2:
Financial Considerations for LGBTQ People**
Tuesday, May 25

**LGBTQ Adult Education Series, Part 3:
To Marry or Not to Marry?**
Thursday, June 3

Rainbow Flag Raising
Friday, June 4

LGBTQ Community Picnic
Sunday, June 6

6th Annual Pride Palooza
Saturday, June 12

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Binghamton Event Details

Tuesday, May 18, 7-8:30 pm

LGBTQ Adult Education Series, Part 1: Advance Healthcare Planning.

Participants will learn how to make their wishes regarding medical treatment known should they become incapacitated. Tanya Walker, Action for Older Persons, will discuss Health Care Proxies, Living Wills, and DNR (do not resuscitate) orders. Presented by The Cube (thecubebinghamton.org), The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project (PrideAndJoyFamilies.org) and Temple Concord's Social Action Committee (TempleConcord.com). Event takes place at Identity, 206 State Street. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Ethan Lewis, Mpowerment Coordinator, ethan@thecubebinghamton.org, 607.651.9175.

Tuesday, May 25, 7-8:30 pm

LGBTQ Adult Education Series, Part 2: Financial Considerations for LGBTQ People. RJ Barber, Financial Consultant, will discuss special financial planning considerations for LGBTQ people at a session devoted entirely to the subject. Bring a friend and your questions. Presented by The Cube (thecubebinghamton.org), The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project (PrideAndJoyFamilies.org) and Temple Concord's Social Action Committee (TempleConcord.com). Event takes place at Identity, 206 State Street. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Ethan Lewis, Mpowerment Coordinator, ethan@thecubebinghamton.org, 607.651.9175.

Thursday, June 3, 7-8:30pm

LGBTQ Adult Education Series, Part 3: To Marry or Not to Marry? Join Binghamton Attorney Judith Osburn for an evening with members of the LGBTQ and allied communities to help us sort through the complexities of same-sex marriage in New York State. While NY does not permit marriage between people of the same sex, an Executive Order by the Governor requires entities within the State to recognize legal marriages performed elsewhere. Come out and find out what this means for NYS residents. Presented by The Cube (thecubebinghamton.org), The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project (PrideAndJoyFamilies.org) and Temple Concord's Social Action Committee (TempleConcord.com). Event takes place from 7 to 8:30 pm at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton. Please RSVP to Ethan Lewis, Mpowerment Coordinator, ethan@thecubebinghamton.org, 607.651.9175.

Friday, June 4

Rainbow Flag Raising: Binghamton Pride Coalition and the Mayor's Office will raise the Pride flag on the State Street side of City Hall, downtown, 12 noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to publicly show your support for the local LGBTQ communities.

Sunday, June 6

LGBTQ Community Picnic: Chenango Valley State Park, Pine Plains Pavilion, 1 to 5 pm. Food and soft drinks for purchase. BYO family, friends, sports equipment, hiking boots, beer, bathing suits for an afternoon of music, games and fun in the sun. New this year: pirate-themed games, a treasure hunt and other fun activities for families with children. DJ Hedge of Merlin's spinning tunes. Park entrance fee: \$7.00/carload. Event held in cooperation with the New York State office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation-Central Region.

Saturday, June 12

6th Annual Pride Palooza: Live music, speakers, information tables, DJ Hedge of Merlin's spinning tunes, free health screenings and fun. New this year: bounce house and other attractions for families with children. State Street between Hawley and Lewis Streets, downtown. Event runs from 4 to 8 pm.

LGBTQ* ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

PRESENTED BY

THE CUBE

THE LESBIAN AND GAY FAMILY
BUILDING PROJECT

TEMPLE CONCORD'S SOCIAL
ACTION COMMITTEE

You may attend one or all of
the programs in the series.
Allies welcome!

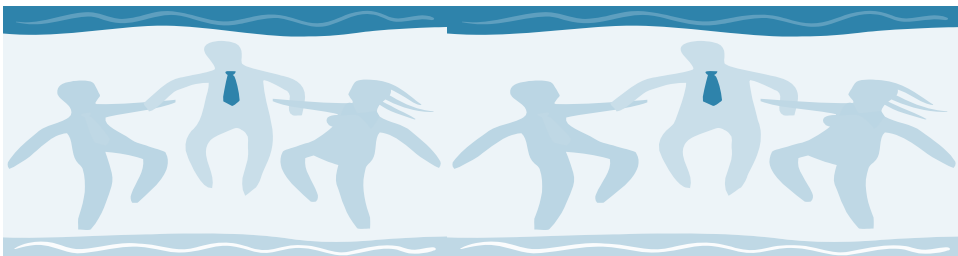
Refreshments will be served.

Got questions? Feel free to
submit specific questions or
raise individual concerns in
advance of the sessions.

Free to all attendees but
registration is required.

Please RSVP to Ethan Lewis,
Mpowerment Coordinator,
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607.651.9175.

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender and Queer



Session #1: Advance Health Care Planning

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 , 7-8:30 pm at Identity, 206 State Street,
Binghamton, NY

Tanya Walker, Action for Older Persons, will give a presentation about Health Care Proxies, Living Wills, and DNR (do not resuscitate) orders. This workshop is especially important to the LGBTQ communities because sometimes our loved ones are not legally in line to make decisions regarding our health.

Session #2: Financial Considerations for LGBTQ People

Tuesday, May 25, 7-8:30 pm at Identity, 206 State Street
Binghamton, NY

RJ Barber, Financial Consultant, will discuss special financial planning considerations for LGBTQ people at a session devoted entirely to the subject. Bring a friend and your questions.

Session #3: To Marry or Not to Marry?

Thursday, June 3, 7-8:30 pm at Temple Concord
9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY

Join Binghamton Attorney Judith Osburn for an evening with members of the LGBTQ and allied communities to help us sort through the complexities of same-sex marriage in New York State.

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Syracuse Summer 2010

COLAGE Meeting

Monday, May 24

CNY Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 19

Back to School Discussion

Saturday, July 17

Picnic at Whitman Park

Saturday, August 21st

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Syracuse Event Details

Saturday, May 15

Planned Potluck at Christopher and Jeffrey's to be rescheduled

Monday, May 24, 4-6pm

Join us for our 4th COLAGE meeting, Making Friends and Being Friendly! sponsored by the Q Center @ ACR. Children ages 8-12 and their LGBTQ parents are invited. COLAGE (www.COLAGE.org) provides support and a safe place for kids and teens with one or more LGBTQ parents. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Julie or Emily at The Q 315.701.2431 or qcentersyr@live.com

Saturday, June 19

Syracuse Pride Parade and Festival. March with Pride and Joy Families in the Parade and then enjoy the festivities at

Saturday, July 17

Back to School Discussion at the home of Lorelei and Kim. Watch for details or contact Heather Hauer at hauerross@stny.rr.com.

Saturday, August 21st

Picnic at Whitman Park, Watch or more details or contact Heather Hauer at hauerross@stny.rr.com.

got LGBTQ parents?

Ithaca COLAGE Kickoff!

(grades 3 and up)

Saturday, May 22, 2010

3:00-5:00 pm

Planned Parenthood Out for Health Office
111 East Seneca Street, Ithaca

Hang out with other kids like you!

Kids and Parents will gather together for socializing, games and light refreshments.

Bring Your Parents Too!

COLAGE is a growing movement of people with one or more lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer parents that is dedicated to creating a safer environment and a more just world for COLAGERS and their families.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Kris Haines-Sharp at 607.351.8131 or krishainesburn-

Support provided by Planned Parenthood's Out for Health: LGBT Health and Wellness Program (outforhealth.org) and the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project (PrideandJoyFamilies.org).

