



PFLAG

Fort Collins / Northern Colorado

Next Meeting

Date: April 12, 7 PM Program, 8PM Support

Program: Dispelling the Misconceptions of Hormone Therapy



Dr. Anna Wegleitner will speak about the process of gender transition and the role of hormone therapy. Dr. Wegleitner obtained her medical degree at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. Residency training then brought her to Denver but

Colorado won her heart and she stayed to practice medicine. Dr. Wegleitner is a Fellow of the American Board of Family Medicine and a member of the AAFP (American Academy of Family Practice), Colorado Medical Society and Denver Medical Society. She holds an academic appointment at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Wegleitner is an active member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). In addition to meeting the needs of her varied family practice patients, she has a special interest in the care of transgender individuals including hormone therapy, disease management and primary care.

PFLAG News

Hewlett-Packard renews corporate sponsorship

Hewlett-Packard Company has renewed its corporate sponsor for 2010 with a donation of \$500. We sincerely appreciate the support of HP's Site Leadership Council for our work in northern Colorado. Thank you HP and thank you Stewart Anderson for the leg work involved.

Events of Local/Regional Interest

Apr 20: Confronting Homophobia in History, 12:30PM

UNC is hosting an educator workshop entitled "Out of the Past: Confronting Homophobia in History". The workshop takes place from 12:30-5:00PM in the University Center Aspen Suites. Space is limited, you must pre-register:

www.facinghistory.org/denverevents.

Synopsis: In what ways can an individual's identity influence civic participation? How can educators use history to help inform students about the treatment of gays and lesbians in the past and today and to help understand how gender differences and sexual identity shape issues of membership in society? How are schools responding to the ostracism these students can be subject to?

Apr 20: Lambda-hosted community dialog, 6:00PM

Lambda Community Center is hosting a community dialog entitled "What does the Matthew Shepard Act mean for LGBTIQ people?" The discussion will be held at the Lambda Community Center, 212 Mason Street from 6:00-8:00PM.

Synopsis: President Obama signed the Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law during October 2009. The law, otherwise known as the Matthew Shepard Act, extended federal support for the investigation and prevention of anti-LGBT hate violence to local communities. However, what does the law actually do for LGBTIQ people? Kit Chalberg, a Conciliation Specialist with the Community Relations Service, will be joining the Lambda Community Center for a community dialogue about the impacts this new law has for the prevention and investigation of anti-LGBT hate crimes as well as to learn how the services of the CRS can be utilized within the northern Colorado community.

May 8: Lavender Graduation, 5:00PM

CSU will celebrate its annual Lavender Graduation for LGBTIQ students in the Cherokee Park Ballroom, Lory Student Center. RSVP is requested by April 30 to GLBT Resource Center: glbt_studentservices@mail.colostate.edu; include number of guests.

Jun 2: Queer Cinema at the Rialto, 7:00PM

This year the featured queer film will be *Save Me*. For more information on the film, see savememovie.com.

Jun 4-5: Fort Collins "Pride in the Park" Weekend

Save the date. For more information see prideinthepark.org.

Jun 19-20: Denver PrideFest

Mark your calendars! Marking its 35th year in 2010, Denver PrideFest will be held on June 19 and June 20 at Civic Center Park. Produced by The Center and recognized as one of the top 10 Pride events in the country, PrideFest features a Dance Stage with DJs, a Latin Stage and Main Stage with live entertainment, and plenty of celebrating all day. Last year more than 275,000 people from Colorado and the region enjoyed a parade, rally, music, entertainment, food and much more. See [The Center PrideFest Denver](http://TheCenterPrideFestDenver).

New of Local/Regional Interest

Positive results from One Colorado report

One Colorado, a new nonpartisan statewide organization formed to secure and protect equality and opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Coloradans and their families, recently released the results of a groundbreaking survey of the gay community to state legislators. The survey reveals that people across the state are ready for change.

The poll of 1,000 Colorado adults, jointly conducted by Republican and Democratic polling firms, found that 72 percent of Coloradans support legal recognition for same-sex couples. This compares to 2006 when 48 percent of voters supported domestic partnership recognition.

Results of perhaps the most extensive survey ever conducted of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Colorado were also released. More than 4,600 people answered the survey, which was conducted by One Colorado Education Fund, the 501(c)(3) arm of One Colorado.

The survey found that LGBT people want the same things as many Coloradans: safe schools for kids, recognition of their families, the right to raise children in a safe and supportive environment, the ability to make a living, and to feel welcomed in their places of worship. It also found that 57 percent of LGBT people experience homophobia and harassment on the street and 27 percent said they have experienced employment discrimination.

"While Colorado has made progress in recent years the survey shows there is much work still to be done," said Lea Ann Purvis, Interim Executive Director of One Colorado. One Colorado Education Fund will be working on public education campaigns in Colorado while One Colorado PAC will support fair-minded candidates of all parties who agree with the mission of building a respectful and fully inclusive Colorado. One Colorado, the 501(c)(4) arm, will handle the lobbying and advocacy efforts. [\[Report\]](#)

Advocate for Federal Legislation

Several important topics that impact the LGBTIQ community are currently being discussed at the Federal level. Please help PFLAG advocate for federal legislation on these issues. *Note: Content based on PFLAG Boulder County newsletter*

Every Child Deserves a Family Act

The *Every Child Deserves a Family Act* ([H.R. 3827](#)) is a bill that would prevent states from discriminating against LGBT people in adoption and foster care services if those states want to continue receiving federal funding.

Inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act

An inclusive *Employment Non-Discrimination Act*, including protections for both sexual orientation and gender identity, is still under discussion. Participants in the lobby day led by the National Center for Transgender Equality met with Congress members recently to emphasize the importance of passing ENDA inclusive of our transgender family and friends along with our lesbian, gay, and bisexual loved ones.

Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said a current Pentagon study would focus on implementing repeal and not whether it

would be beneficial or harmful to the military. "The question before us is not whether the military prepares to make this change, but how we best prepare for it," he said. "We received our orders from the commander-in-chief and we are moving out accordingly." [\[Huffington Post, Mar 25\]](#)

Immigration—an LGBT Issue

Because same-sex couples don't have federal marriage rights that are available to straight couples, people in same-sex relationships with a foreign national cannot marry their partner to allow them to stay in the U.S. Under current immigration law, an estimated 36,000 same-sex, bi-national couples are kept apart or are in danger of separation. Standalone legislation in Congress known as the *Uniting American Families Act* would allow LGBT people to sponsor their partners for permanent residency. [\[H.R. 1024\]](#)

Aging Issues for the LGBT Community

At the annual conference of the National Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging in Chicago, Illinois, a report entitled *Improving the Lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Older Adults* identifies issues that disproportionately affect LGBT older adults including stigma, isolation and unequal treatment. These factors combined mean that LGBT seniors have more financial and health problems as well as fewer opportunities for social and community engagement than do their heterosexual peers. This is an upcoming issue for legislation. [\[Report\]](#)

National Day of Silence

The Day of Silence is a national day of activism for LGBT rights. This year's day is scheduled for April 16. Students in middle school, high school and college take a one-day vow of silence to bring attention to the name-calling, bullying and harassment experienced by LGBT youth. For more information, go to [dayofsilence.org](#).

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In addition to parents, families, friends, and GLBT people, we welcome anyone involved in the coming-out process.

We welcome anyone who supports the PFLAG mission of **SUPPORT, EDUCATION and ADVOCACY** for GLBT people.