14th Annual Family Matters Conference



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Letter from the Chair

Dear PFP Family,

Welcome to the 14th Annual PFP Conference! We are overjoyed to have our event fully back in person this year, the first time since 2019.

The theme for this year's conference is "Reclaiming Family Values." In the current climate of attacks on LGBTQ+ rights, PFP is focusing our efforts at this event on learning how adults and kids can advocate for our families.

From creating anti-racist family manifestos to consulting with our free family law clinic, to practicing hard conversations with loved ones, to Rep. Kenyatta as our keynote, this year's programming is a diverse, practical, and joyous take on family values that actually value our families.

Whether this is your first conference with us or your fourteenth, welcome!

Warmly,

Michael Galvan (they/them)
PFP Board Chair

Land Acknowledgement



Map of Lenape languages and tribes.

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We at PFP feel it is important to name the land that we are hosting our event on and that the organizers occupy as stolen land.

As you can see on the map on the opposite page, Philadelphia and the surrounding areas are located on land stolen from the <u>Lenni Lenape</u> people.

Take time to educate yourselves and your children about the history and present-day lives of the indigenous people in the places you live, work, and travel. Use these online resources:

Whose Land - Family Action Toolkit - Queer Inclusive Books Celebrating Indigenous Cultures



Photo from the City of Philadelphia Mayor's Office from the celebration of Indigenous People's Day 2021

Keynote

This year's Keynote Speaker is Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta (he/him), a third-generation North Philadelphia native, thought leader, and legislator.



He earned a B.A. in Public

Communications and a minor in Political Science from Temple University, an M.S. in Strategic and Digital Communications from Drexel University and completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Executives in State and Local Government program.

Rep. Kenyatta is a barrier-breaking public figure, becoming the first openly LGBTQ+ person of color and one of the youngest members elected to the PA General Assembly in 2018.

In 2022, he became the first openly LGBTQ+ person of color to run for the U.S. Senate in American history. In 2020, he was chosen by President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to give the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention along with a group of other 'Rising Stars'.

He lives in North Philadelphia with his husband Dr. Matthew Kenyatta and their dog Cleo.

11:15am - 12:00pm in the Auditorium

Schedule of the Day

8:30am - Registration & Kid Check-In Begins

9:00am - Family Yoga (Gym) & Foster Parent Meetup Group (Breakout Rm)

10:00am - 11:00am Workshop Session I

11:00am - 11:15am BREAK

11:15am - 12:00pm Keynote Address (Auditorium)

12:00pm - 2:00pm Legal Clinic (Gym)

12:00pm - 12:45pm

LUNCH & Prospective Parents Meetup (Breakout Rm)

12:45pm - 1:45pm - Workshop Session II

1:45pm - 2:00pm - BREAK

2:00pm - 2:45pm - Workshop Session III

2:45pm - 3:00pm - BREAK

3:00pm - 4:00pm - Queerspawn in the Family (Auditorium)

Programming Details

9:00am - 9:45am

LGBTQ+ Foster Parents Affinity Group - Breakout Rm Meet up with other LGBTQ+ foster parents and prospective foster parents including COLAGE's Katy Chatel (she/ze) and Tiffany Byrd (she/her) from A Second Chance. Build peer support and connection with others fostering kids and adopting from foster care.

12:00pm - 12:45pm

Prospective Parent Affinity Group - Breakout RmMeet up with other prospective and expectant parents to make new connections and provide mutual support on the path to parenthood.

12:00pm - 2:00pm

#Adulting: Free Legal Clinic - Gymnasium

Sign up to spend 15 minute in a one-on-one private meeting with an attorney to get free legal advice on issues including estate planning, family law, real estate matters, and name changes. Cosponsored by the Philadlephia LGBTQ+ Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Queerspawn in the Family - Auditorium

This will be a dialogue between LGBTQ+ parents and prospective parents and queerspawn (people with LGBTQ+ parents and caregivers). Led by COLAGE.

Workshop Session I

10:00am - 11:00am

Navigating Hard Conversations - Breakout Rm In this session with Alexander Stefanini (he/him) and Naomi Washington-Leapheart (she/her), you'll delve into how and when to have challenging conversations with extended family, neighbors, acquaintances and others, including the role religion plays in these conversations.

Trans in Athletics: Inclusion & What Does It Mean to Be 'Fair?' - Auditorium

Hear from educator, consultant, and public speaker <u>Lex Horwitz</u> (they/them) on how to understand and approach the "debate" about trans kids, youth, and adults in sports.

"Yes's and No's" – How to Get and Give Consent - Gymnasium (For Kids 7-13)

This will be a fun workshop designed for youth ages 7–13 to learn when they need to ask others for consent, and how to give (or not give!) consent. We'll practice verbal and non-verbal communication, and how to check in with others and yourself. Led by Galia Godel (she/he).

Workshop Session II

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Baking the Poisoned Cookie - Auditorium

John Jarboe (she/her) from the Bearded Ladies

Cabaret will lead us in an exploration of queer
performance tactics specifically in the cabaret form
from a historical and contemporary lens. How do
and why do queer performers use glitter,
spectacle, and drag? What role does queer
performance play in times of socio-political crisis?

Families with Neurodiverse Kiddos Affinity Group - Breakout Rm

Meet up with other LGBTQ+ parents who have neurodiverse kiddos to discuss finding competent providers, how to celebrate Pride without the crowds and noise, and find community with others.

Family Manifestos: Building Antiracist Families - Gym Hall (Kids and Grownups!)

We invite children of all ages and their grown-ups to name their family's values and create antiracist family manifestos with the Philly Children's Movement.

Workshop Session III

2:00pm - 2:45pm

Our Intersectional Lives: LGBTQ+ People with Disabilities - Auditorium

Disability Rights Pennsylvania (DRP) will host an interactive workshop to discuss the intersection of LGBTQ+ and disability identities. The workshop will be geared towards developing an understanding of how different aspects of lives and identities, including our roles as parents and youth with disabilities, can impact advocacy, needs and rights.

Raise Your Voice with Rise Choir - Cafeteria
Join members of Rise Choir and Pax Ressler (they/she)
to lift our voices together and sing into our shared values.
Everyone of any singing ability welcome.

Single LGBTQ+ Parents Roundtable - Breakout Rm Meet up with other single LGBTQ+ parents to build community and connection. Led by Chelsea Downs.

Get Up! Stand Up! - Gymnasium (For Kids 7-13)
Learn some proactive ways to be an ally and advocate for yourself and your peers in this interactive session with educator Lex Horwitz (they/them).

Thank You

A big thank you to PFP Executive Director **Stephanie Haynes** and Conference Assistant **Sandra Telep** for leading the effort to put on this year's event.

Thanks to these **conference planning committee members**: Tamika Boyd, Alicia Ingiosi, Adam Moskowitz, Naraline Coqk, Mia Gay, Jeremy Plymette, Erica Shippen, Skott Stotland, Sandra Telep, and Mikah Thomas.

Thank you to **Jadzia Axelrod** for our conference logo.

Many thanks to the **conference speakers**, facilitators, parents and experts who put on the programming.

Our gratitude to the **administration and staff** of the School of the Future for hosting us.

Final word of thanks to our **conference sponsors**, without whom this event wouldn't be possible. Please look through the ads on the following pages and visit them during the **sponsor fair**.

Get More Involved!

Philadelphia Family Pride's **mission** is to build community for LGBTQ+ parents, prospective parents, grandparents and our kids of all ages – including adults, youth, kids, toddlers and infants. We **support our families** in the greater Philadelphia region through advocacy, education and family-centered events.

To **get more involved** with PFP, consider joining the Philly Family Pride Board of Directors for 2024 or volunteering on one of our committees. To inquire about a board position, e-mail us at info@phillyfamilypride.org before 12/1/23. To volunteer, visit phillyfamilypride.org/volunteer.html.

Finally, we are hiring a new parttime **Assistant Director** for PFP. Applications are open now through Oct 23. Scan this QR code for more info and to apply.



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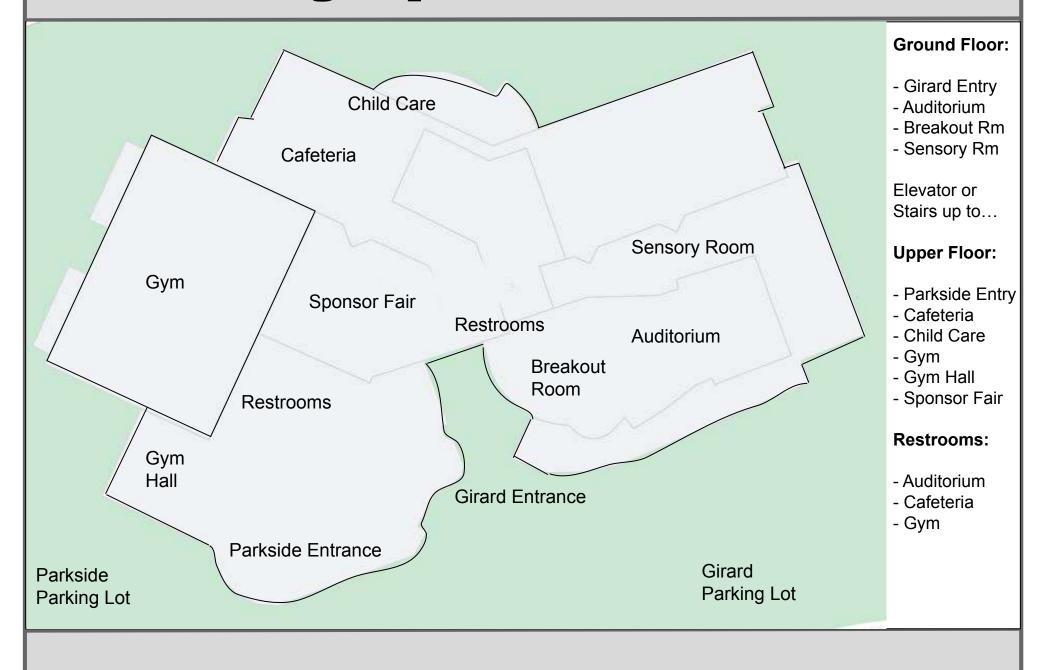
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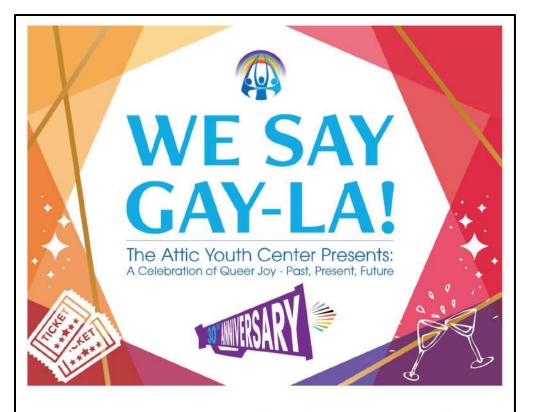
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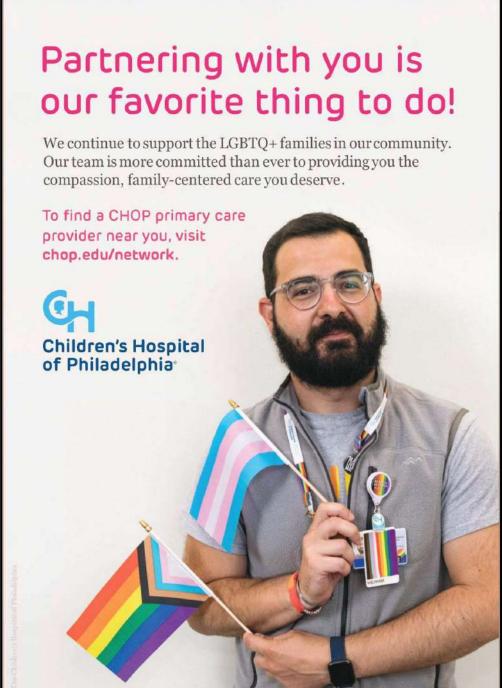


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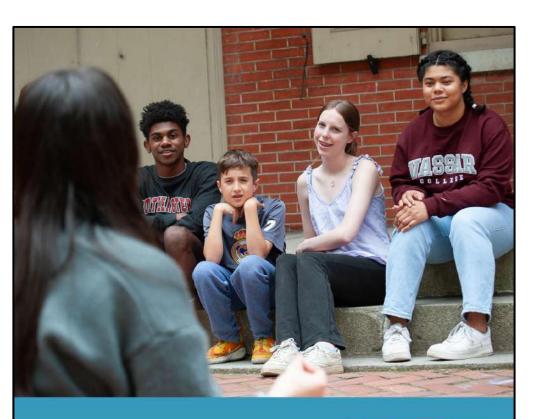
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Sun. Nov. 5 - We're partnering with Philly Queer Birders for a kid-friendly bird walk starting at 9am. Location TBA!

Sun. Nov. 12 - PFP families are meeting up at the Linvilla Orchards at 10am for some fall fun!

Sun. Nov. 19 - Get your tickets for Cena de Orgullo - a tamal dinner at the home of Michael Galvan in Germantown 12-6pm.

Sat. Dec. 9 - Grownups Night Out at Gay Bingo to benefit the Philly AIDS Fund - 7pm at Rodeph Shalom. Buy tix now!

Sat. Jan. 6, 2024 - Our Winter Party and Annual Membership Meeting will take place at the Discovery Center in Fairmount Park. More details coming soon.

Sat. Nov. 2, 2024 - PFP's 15th Annual Conference will be held at the Parkway Central Library. Save the Date!

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