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Family Matters
Conference**



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Letter from the Co-Chairs

Dear Family,

Welcome to the 13th annual Philadelphia Family Pride Conference.

After two years of virtual-only conferences, we are grateful to be gathering together in person again. This pandemic has reinforced for us that family - the kind we choose, the kind we make, the kind we show up for when things get hard - is the bedrock on which we build our lives.

As LGBTQ++ people, the lines between family and community are especially blurred - in the most beautiful of ways possible. Which is why we chose the theme Family Reunion for this year's conference.

So welcome, whether this is your first time or your thirteenth. Things are really hard, in too many ways at once, but we are showing up for each other. And that makes us Family. Thank you for coming. We are so glad you are here.

Love,

Tiffany & Gina
PFP Board Co-Chairs



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 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 [Lenni Lenape](#) 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

Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 3rd on Zoom

- 6pm** - Ask Your LGBTQ+ Family Legal Questions
- 7pm** - LGBTQ+ Parenting at the Intersections
- 8pm** - Finding Affirming Providers for Your LGBTQ+ Family

Friday, Nov. 4th on Zoom

- 6pm** - Navigating Challenging Conversations with Youth
- 7pm** - What's at Stake for LGBTQ+ Families in this Election?
- 8pm** - PFP Family Reunion Panel

Saturday, Nov. 5th at Smith Playground

- 10am** - Mixer for LGBTQ+-led families with babies/toddlers
- 11am** - Mixer for LGBTQ+-led families with school-aged kids
- 12pm** - LUNCH from Streetside BBQ with a vegan option from Goldie Falafel (indicate your preferred lunch when you register)
- 1pm** - Mixer for LGBTQ+ Expectant and Prospective Parents
- 1pm-3pm** - Camp Highlight Carnival

Read more about the [schedule details](#) and the [speakers](#) for the sessions on our website.

Thursday, Nov. 3rd

6:00pm - 9:00pm on Zoom*

6:00pm - Ask Your LGBTQ+ Family Legal Questions

Whether you are forming or formed your family through ART with the use of donor sperm (known or unknown), traditional surrogacy, gestational surrogacy, intentional co-parenting or adoption, there are varied legal considerations in order to assure that intended parents are also legal parents. If you are already a parent and have legal questions about step-parent or second parent adoption, you can get your questions answered here as well. This program will feature lots of Q&A time with PFP board member and family law attorney **Rebecca Nayak** (she/her) from the [Jerner Law Group](#) and be moderated by PFP board member **Michael Galvan** (they/them).

7:00pm - LGBTQ+ Parenting at the Intersections

The conversation around marginalized identity and parenting often follows the same path: parents and children navigate life balancing their marginalized identity and learn a whole lot of "life-changing lessons." But what about parents who are both queer/trans and people of color? How are the experiences of intersecting marginalized identities unique and challenging? Join PFP Assistant Director **Shanay G. Rowe** (she/her) and **Marcus Gaston-Ecks** (he/him) for a candid conversation on navigating parenting at the intersections. This sessions is a safe space open to both current and prospective parents who identify as queer/trans persons of color.

8:00pm - Finding Affirming Providers for Your LGBTQ+ Family

Whether searching for a daycare, pediatrician, camp or school for your kid, LGBTQ-led families face the regular questions of "which one is best for us?" but with an added layer of "which place will be welcoming and safe for my LGBTQ family?" Come to this session to hear what to look for when making that initial decision and how to maintain these spaces as safe ones.

**These three sessions will be in the same Zoom room and run back-to-back with new participants being added from the waiting room at the specified time.*

Friday, Nov. 4th

6pm - 9pm on Zoom*

6pm - Tough Talks: Navigating Challenging Conversations with Youth

Difficult conversations with pre-teens and teenagers might involve topics like sex, drugs, mental health, school and more. These conversations can guide pre-teens and teenagers towards sensible and responsible decisions. They can also strengthen your relationship. Challenging conversations go well when you're prepared, calm, open and non-judgmental. Join **Nhokia Outland** (she/her) and others for practical tips and methods to engage with your child and navigate tough topics.

7pm - What's at Stake for LGBTQ+ Families in this Election?

In this session, we'll hear from speakers including state rep Malcolm Kenyatta and PFP board member Michael Galvan on the possible impacts at the national, state and local levels in the upcoming election on November 8th. If you'd like to register to vote or check your voter registration information, please visit these websites: [Pennsylvania](#) - [New Jersey](#) - [Other States](#)

8pm - PFP Family Reunion Panel**

Join past PFP members, former teen panel participants, and new families for an hour of shared wisdom, reflection and connection.

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Saturday, Nov. 5th

10am - 3pm

Smith Playground and Playhouse in Philadelphia

Join PFP families at the Smith Playground for a day of family fun. Also stop by the **sponsor fair** on the side porch of the playhouse to meet our conference supporters. Note that the Playhouse is open to families with children 0-5 years old. The playground is open to families with children 0-10 years old. All ages are welcome for lunch and the Camp Highlight Carnival.

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PFP Post-Conference Adult Mixer, Stir Lounge

PFP is collaborating with Sip City Mixer to host a post-conference happy hour. While Sip City traditionally plans mixers for women, non-binary or gender non-conforming folks, this collaboration is open to ALL PFP parents and prospective parents of ALL gender identities.

Join us at Stir Lounge from 6pm-9pm for an evening of kid-free socializing. Stir is tucked away down Chancellor, an alley between 17th and 18th and Walnut and Locust. This venue is ADA accessible. While street parking in Center City is limited, there are many garages in the area. Ridesharing is highly recommended.

*** If there is a Game 6 of the World Series on Friday, Nov. 4th, we will pre-record the Family Reunion Panel and send the link out for folks to watch at their convenience. Go Phillies!*

Thank You

A big thank you to PFP Executive Director **Stephanie Haynes** and Assistant Director **Shanay Rowe** for leading the effort to put on this year's conference.

Thanks to these **conference planning committee members**: Adam Moskowitz, Whitney Cabey, Julie Levanthal, Gina Rose, Lori Keslowitz, Tiffany Byrd, Jadzia Axelrod, Sherley Olopherne, Sheila Lorrett Emerson, Shanay Rowe, Skott Stotland, Yaari Felber-Seligman, and Kaiya Williams.

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

Final word of thanks to our **conference sponsors**, without whom this event wouldn't be possible.

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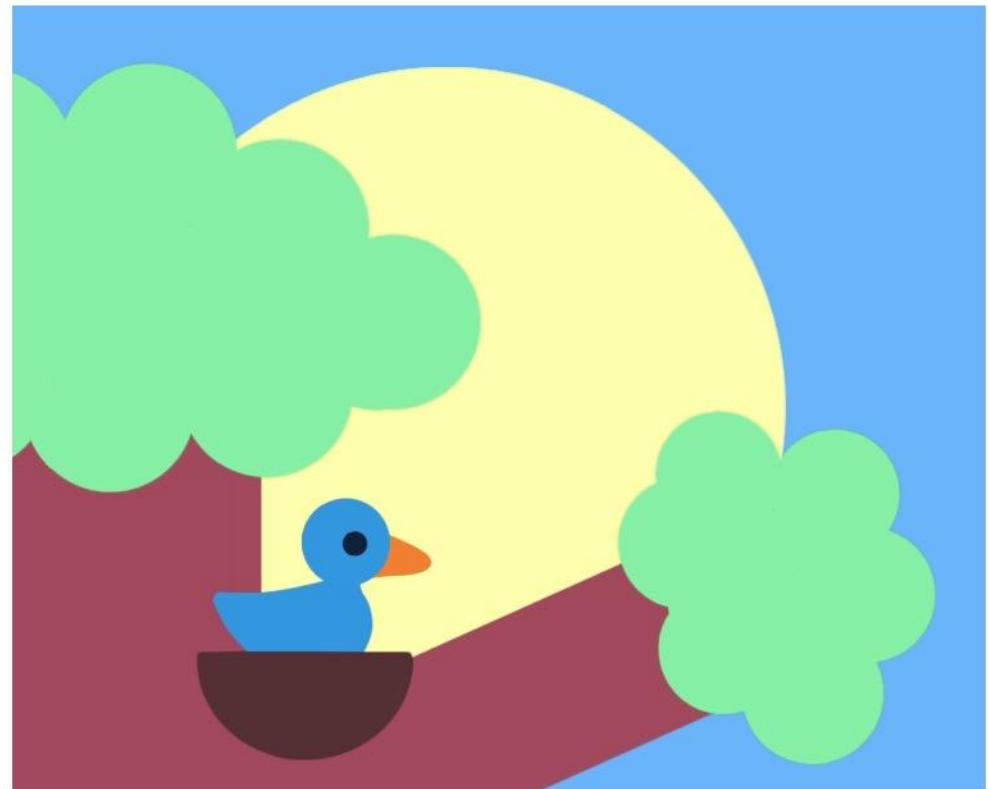


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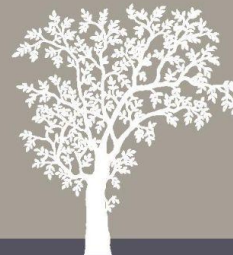
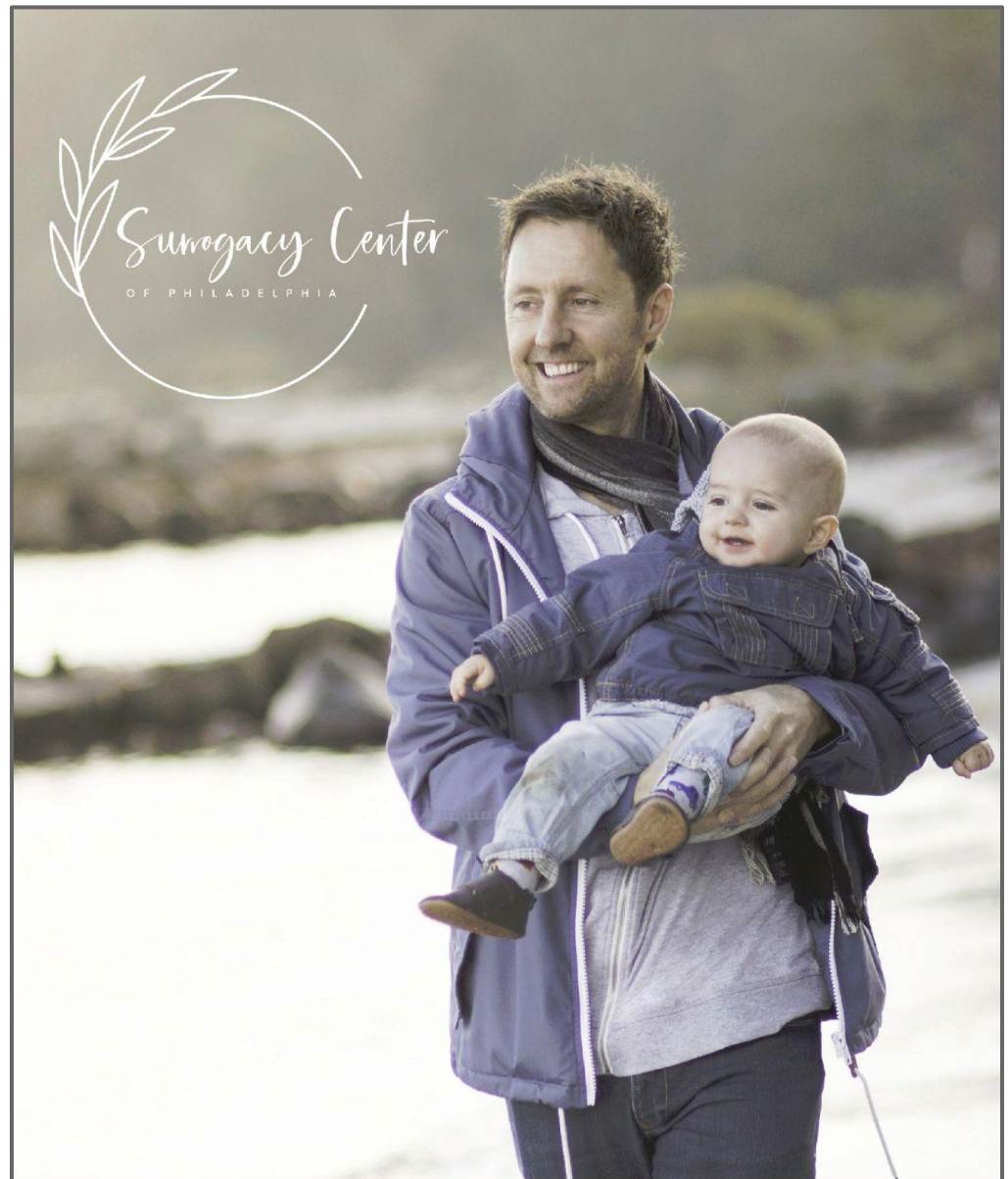
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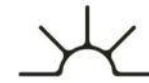
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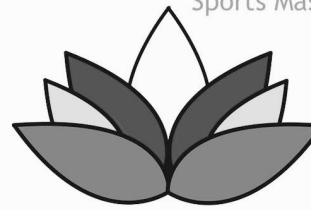
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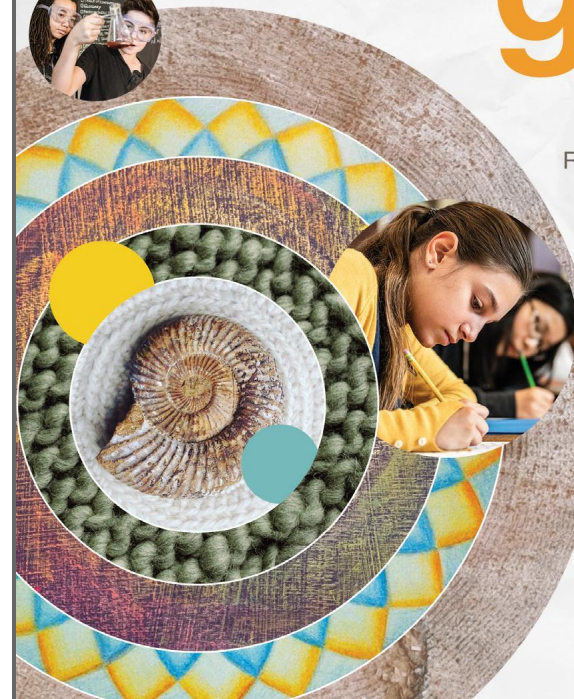
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Sat. Nov. 5 - Join us for a post-conference adult mixer at Stir Lounge from 6-9pm in Center City.

Sat. Nov. 12 - Unpartnered Pregnant LGBTQ+ People Hangout at Cherry Street Pier from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Sun. Nov. 13 - PFP families are joining our friends from Rainbow Cubs for an afternoon at Linvilla Orchards starting at 3:30pm. Meet at the playground.

Mon. Nov. 28 - The PFP Bi/Pan Parents group meets on Zoom the last Monday of each month at 8pm. RSVP for the link.

Tues. Nov. 29 - The PFP Trans Parents group meets on Zoom the last Tuesday of each month at 8:30pm. RSVP for the link.

Wed. Nov. 30 - The PFP Dads group meets on Zoom the last Wednesday of each month at 8pm. RSVP for the link.

Sun. Dec. 4 - PFP's last board of directors meeting of the year will be held.

Find more info on these and other events on our website at www.philadelphiafamilypride.org and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/phillyfamilypride.

