



What's Happening

We were able to participate in a fundraising event with the School of Rock at their pride event late in June.

School of Rock is a place for budding musicians to learn to play with skill and confidence and participate in live shows. We were able to listen to amazing bands from surrounding areas. It was an awesome time seeing all the young people sharing their musical talents in this cool event. It was a wonderful partnership and we are looking forward to participating again next year!

We can't thank them enough for their generous donation to our Chapter through this event!

The month of July we spent time recuperating and reenergizing from our first Pride Month! We were so excited to be involved in so many great pride events in June. We look forward to continuing the journey and support as we move forward.

August Meeting



Please join us on August 12th at 6:30-8:30 for our next support meeting. We are happy to have Dr. Jessica Lapinski as our guest speaker. Dr. Lapinski is the founding physician of Outpatient Family Medicine Transformed. She graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2016. She placed into a top 10 family medicine residency program at Duke University where she served as the Education Chief Resident, Population Health Chief Resident, and received a specialized training concentration in gender affirming care.

She is also certified with the American Board of Family Practice and has completed a fellowship in Primary Care Psychiatry. Her decision to pursue family medicine evolved from Dr. Lapinski's love of diversity. She relishes the idea of being able to care for the entire spectrum of the population, regardless of age, sex, orientation, race or socioeconomic status. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lapinski as she will be sharing valuable education on LGBTQ+ healthcare and more!

Upcoming Events

9/4/2024 6-8 South Elgin **Summer**

Concert: Beyond the Blonde @

Panton Mill Park 9 N Water St.

South Elgin, IL

Tribute to P!NK, Gwen Stefani and Lady GaGa

We will have a resource Table

9/9/2024 6:30-8 Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker Stephanie D. from

Suicide Prevention Services

9/14/2024 NaperPride Resource Table

with PFLAG DuPage

10/26/2024 Power of PFLAG

Conference

Power of PFLAG, the biennial conference of the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois (PCNI) will be held at

The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 26,

2024, from 8 AM to 3 PM



SUPPORT MEETINGS THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

August 12th 6:30- 8:30 pm

September 9th 6:30- 8 pm

October 14th 6:30 - 8 pm

November 11th 6:30- 8 pm

December 9th 6:30- 8 pm

Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended our July support meeting!! We were able to collect a car load of donations for Out of the Closet Charity. It was fantastic to have Pidgeon as our guest speaker and here more about their amazing charity. Thank you to Tom P. for supplying our delicious snacks for July! We appreciate you!

Note Out of the Closet Charity has changed their name to

[Queering The Binary Foundation](#)

New PFLAG National Resource VIRTUAL MEETINGS GRANDPARENT COMMUNITY



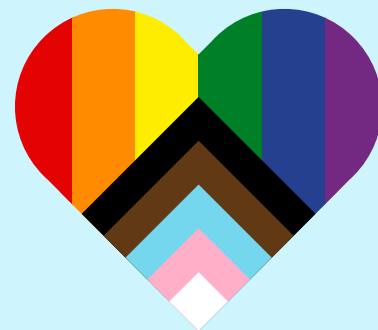
Welcome to PFLAG Connects: Grandparent Community! These virtual meetings are open to grandparents of LGBTQ+ grandkids. Each meeting will be led by skilled facilitators who will guide attendees in receiving support, giving support, and finding resources to help their loved ones, families, and communities.

Additionally, every meeting will include a Gender Spectrum Breakout Room especially for grandparents of transgender and gender-diverse grandkids.

These one-hour meetings will take place on the last Monday of each month, at 7pm CT/8pm ET/5pm PT.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in attending please **[click here](#)** to register.

Or reach out to us for more information.



Volunteers Wanted!

We are contacting individuals who have responded to our volunteer requests in the past. If you are keen on volunteering and we do not get in touch with you in August, please feel free to reach out to us.



Celebrating Pride Month at the Chicago Pride Parade!



Shoutout to Belong Fox Valley Youth Drop-in for crafting an incredible parade poster for us! Also, a big thanks to PCNI for designing our other posters and generously covering the expenses!

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