



**Philadelphia  
Family Pride**

## *Out & About*

*News and notes for LGBT-parented families*

### **Registration now open for 3rd Annual PFP Family Matters Conference**

Philadelphia Family Pride is sponsoring our **3rd Annual Family Matters Conference** for LGBTQ parents and prospective parents on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the **Castle** on the campus of **Arcadia University**.

[Please register here today.](#)

**Free, on-site child care** and programming will be offered for children 3 -11. Older children are welcome to accompany their parents to any of the sessions being presented. Though we can't provide child care for the under 3 crowd, parents are welcome to bring their infants and toddlers.



If you register before 10/8, the cost is \$15 for PFP members and \$25 for non-members. After 10/8, the cost goes up \$5. **Lunch** is being catered (at a very nice discount) by [Wolf Street Catering](#), and is **included** with registration. [Whole Foods – Jenkintown](#) has donated continental breakfast, so please show up hungry!

Workshops this year are organized under three themes: Welcoming Schools, Growing Your Family and Knowing Your Rights.

[See the full schedule and workshop descriptions here.](#)

Educators are also invited for part of the day to learn how to make their schools more welcoming and inclusive for children of LGBTQ parents. If you would like to invite an educator, [please pass along this link](#).

In addition to the workshops, we have lined up a terrific **keynote speaker** and very popular workshop presenter from the past, **Dr. Graciela Slesaranksy-Poe**, to speak about making schools more inclusive. See a profile of her at the end of this newsletter.

We will also have another **panel of adult and teenage children** of LGBTQ parents to answer our questions and talk about their school experiences.

[Register today!](#)

If you'd like, you can also RSVP and share the [Facebook event](#) for the conference and invite your friends.

Finally, this conference wouldn't be possible without the generous donation of space from [Arcadia University](#) and the support of the School of Education and the Graduate Program in Counseling Psychology.

We'd also like to thank the following **sponsors** for their generous donations in support of this event. More sponsors are being added daily, so watch for updates to this list.

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## Big crowd at Sister Cities Park Event

About 25 PFPers got together at the brand new Sister Cities Park at 18th and the Parkway in Philadelphia on a beautiful Saturday morning in August for PFP's latest infant/toddler gathering.

There were lots of babies making their debut appearances at a PFP event - either as first children or younger siblings of veteran PFP toddlers.

The wading pool was a big hit with the kids and the Milk & Honey Cafe was popular with the parents. There were even a few LGBT-parented families that happened on the gathering and joined in the fun!



If you have any ideas for indoor locations for our next infant/toddler gathering, please suggest them to board member Sandra Telep at [sandra@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:sandra@phillyfamilypride.org).



## LGBT Adoption Cafe set for September 20

Philadelphia Family Pride is proud to cosponsor the LGBT Adoption Cafe taking place on Thursday, September 20 from 5:30-8:00pm at the William Way Center (1315 Spruce St.) in Philadelphia.

The LGBT Adoption Cafe is sponsored by the National Adoption Center. [More info.](#)

Learn about the adoption process, listen to a panel discussion with adoptive parents from the LGBT community, talk with social workers and gather information from adoption agency resource tables. This is a free event. A light dinner will be served.

To RSVP contact Beth Vogel at 215-735-9988 ext. 304 or [bvogel@adopt.org](mailto:bvogel@adopt.org).



### Member Milestones

♥ PFP members Adam Hackel and William Young got married on Herring Cove beach in Provincetown, MA on August 2 during Family Week. The happy couple is pictured here with their daughter Emma Hope. Read a [recent article](#) about Adam in the PGN, and look for his workshop at the upcoming conference!



♥ Stephanie Haynes and Vicky Kresge celebrated the 16th anniversary of their commitment ceremony on September 14 with a romantic dinner at Vedge in Center City.

♥ PFP member Michael GrowMiller sent this message on September 13. "Today is my 35th birthday. I'm not a big birthday person, but my husband Lou is and he never fails to make it special." Awwww, Happy Birthday Michael!

*If you have a milestone you'd like included in our newsletter, please e-mail Stephanie Haynes at [stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org) with the details and an accompanying photo.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, September 20:** [LGBT Adoption Cafe](#) at the William Way Center sponsored by the National Adoption Center.



## **Saturday, September**

### **22:** [Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels](#)

will be visiting this very special Family Fun Day at William Way Center from 11am- 1pm.



**Saturday, September 29:** Join Dads and Pops for a special afternoon [Dads' Potluck](#) in Perkasié, PA.

**Sunday, September 30:** Meet other PFPers at [Baby Loves Disco](#) at Shampoo Night Club.

**Sunday, October 7:** Join the fun in the bouncy castle at the Family Zone, run by PFP from 12-4pm as part of this year's [OutFEST](#) at Camac and Spruce Streets in Center City.



**Saturday, October 20:** [PFP Family Matters Conference](#) at Arcadia University in Glenside.

**Saturday, October 27:** [Fall Hikes](#) - get out in nature and see the fall foliage at one of two hikes this fall. One of them will take place at the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, and the other at the Wissahickon Gorge in Fairmount Park.

*Keep an eye on your e-mail and our [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#) for more upcoming events.*



## **Meet Conference Keynote Speaker: Graciela Slesaransky-Poe**

Graciela Slesaransky-Poe, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the School of Education at Arcadia University.

Her work focuses on supporting educators and families in transforming schools into places where children and adults feel welcomed, valued, and included.

Informed by her extensive professional expertise in inclusive practices coupled with her personal experiences raising a gender nonconforming child, Dr. Slesaransky-Poe is becoming a prominent local, regional, and national expert on creating welcoming, inclusive, and safe schools for diverse students, families, and educators.



Dr. Slesaransky-Poe is well known for her ability to foster a climate of respect and understanding bringing together families and educators to share and discuss ways in

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The events she leads provide unique opportunities for families, students, and educators to engage in honest conversations guided by a spirit of collaboration and generosity.

Her conviction that the differences and gifts that each student, family, and educator offers enriches their school fabric; and that mindful, purposeful, and intentional opportunities for celebration, reflection, and action, could greatly strengthen the school culture and climate benefiting all learners, families, and educators, keep her grounded in her teaching, research, and community service.

Dr. Slesaransky-Poe is the recipient of several awards and recognitions including the Patricia C. Creegan award on Excellence on Inclusive Practices. She is a very active and outspoken member of Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) Welcoming Schools program National Advisory Council and a certified Welcoming Schools trainer. She has been featured in the Welcoming Schools video shown at the 2011 HRC's Annual National Dinner in Washington, DC, moments before President Obama took the stage.

She lives with her husband and two children (pictured, above) in Philadelphia.

If you'd like your family to be profiled in an upcoming newsletter, e-mail Stephanie Haynes at [stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org).



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