



PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

Parents, Families, and Friends United with LGBTQ+ People

We meet because we have learned someone very close to us is LGBTQ+.

We try to help one another deal with this information in a positive manner.

Although we do not always agree, we try to be understanding.

We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable.

We want all to attend meetings for their own benefit as well as that of the group.

It is our hope that when each of us reaches a point of understanding and acceptance, we realize that this is when others need us the most.

August Sharing Meeting Sunday, August 21st 1:00-2:30



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We meet on the third Sunday of most months. We are virtual now but look forward to in-person meetings. The Zoom codes are 555 112 0003 for meeting number and the passcode is 700. If you would like help outside of our sharing meetings, please call the helpline.



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PFLAG NATIONAL OFFERS PDF GUIDE FOR GRANDPARENTS



Our national parent organization has a wonderful support available for download for grandparents of LGBTQ+ persons. It is available free for download at pflag.org. Please use the link below to access the PDF.

PFLAG also offers similar guides focusing on parents in general, parents of trans persons, and people needing to reconcile their faith with their love for their children and family.

These guides are listed in the resource section of the grandparents document.

Please take the chance to download and share the document and also to discover the other materials that PFLAG National offers.

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CURED: A POWERFUL, DISTURBING, AND INSPIRING FILM



This past Pride Month, PBS showed the documentary *Cured* multiple times. *It is still possible to watch this show and we are offering it as one of our recommendation this month. However,* is not easy to recommend as it will be difficult to watch, but we think it is important.

Cured brings the viewers back to the hellish times when homosexuality was designated as a mental illness and follows through to when that designation was removed. It presents the “cures” that were used when desperate people would try almost anything to avoid the fear and poison in the nation.

The heroes who fought to change the designation are highlighted and their strength forms the center of this film. It is a powerful viewing experience. PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara thanks PBS for bringing this film to its viewers.

<https://www.cureddocumentary.com/news/>



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"MAKING GAY HISTORY" PODCASTS



In the days before the internet, people watched television and listened to radio shows but were generally restricted to the times the segments were broadcast. Fortunately, in our modern times most shows are available much more frequently if on demand.

One such 24/7 option is a podcast. These audio segments are usually offered in serial form and relatively short, like a old-time radio show. These audio files are available whenever the listener wants. Your phone may already have a built-in app for listening but if not there are options for downloading the needed platform for free. Episodes are generally available via a website for use on a computer.

We are recommending a series of podcasts this month and hope that you take the opportunity to listen. "Making Gay History" podcasts were created by Eric Marcus using oral histories he had collected from his subjects or those close to them.

Later, Marcus used these interviews as the basis for his two award-winning books. Those books now form the basis for what viewers hear in "Making Gay History," a new format to showcase his powerful interviews and material.

There are ten seasons for you to enjoy. Whether you listen to segments on a phone, computer, or tablet, you will definitely learn about great individuals who truly did make history.

Please use this link to get started:

<https://makinggayhistory.com/>



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