



SMC Pride Center Updates

June 2021

Administration Updates:

- We are hiring! Come be a part of the magic of the Pride Center. We are currently seeking a **Bilingual Spanish Speaking Mental Health Clinician** to add to our highly skilled clinical team. We proudly offer a full benefits package (medical, dental, & vision), vacation, sick time, and mental health days. Oops! We forgot to mention the boss bakes for your birthday!
 - For more information, please visit [this link](#).
- **Best Practices for SOGIE Data Collection is here!** An unexpected by product of producing our [LGBTQ COVID Impact Report](#) earlier this year were all of the consultation requests we received from across the nation, even internationally (!), asking for advice on how to develop survey questions asking for sexual orientation and gender identity in an ethical way. Working with Schweitzer Fellow Ada Zhang (they/them) the Pride Center is proud to share this document as a guide on how to develop community surveys in a way in which our intent can meet our impact. Of course, the Pride Center remains an ongoing resource, but this [Best Practices Document](#) is a great starting point!
- [The Owl has landed!](#) The Pride Center is excited to introduce technology that will allow us to serve our community better. When the Center re-opens, our community and clients will have the option of keeping their services remote, in person, or both! **The Owl is a device with a 360-degree camera, microphone, and built-in speaker.** When placed in the center of a table, it will allow those joining an in-person meeting from a remote location to feel a part of the group. This is only one of many ways the Pride Center is adapting with the current needs and trends of the times and ensuring everyone's safety and comfort is our top priority.

Special Programming:

Pride Week:

Register for all/any events with [this link](#).

Raising Consciousness About Aging in the LGBTQ Community, Monday, June 7, 12 – 2 pm

As the world unites to fight for social justice for our marginalized communities, let's ensure we are also fighting for older adults. Starting with a framework about what ageism is, this workshop will feature a diverse panel of speakers who will share their expertise and experiences as older adults in the LGBTQ community. Participants will be able to hear and participate in dialogue about what is unique about the stigma and bias about growing older as queer and gender-expansive people. Our love, sex, physical, and mental health needs are different, especially as we age. Please join us for an important conversation that is long overdue. We will all leave with a better understanding of how ageism impacts the LGBTQ community and with resources of where to go for continued education and learning.

LGBTQ Trivia, Monday, June 7, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Get ready to test your knowledge at LGBTQ Trivia! There will be prizes!!!

SOGIE 101, Monday, June 7, 6 – 8pm

Ever wondered what's the difference between sex and gender? Want to learn about the difference between bisexual and pansexual? Kick-off your Pride Month on June 7th from 6-8pm with the San Mateo County Pride Center as we go back to the LGBTQ basics. We are proud to offer our Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) 101 training to all community members!

All Boys Aren't Blue, Wednesday, June 9, 6 -7 pm

Join us in celebrating Pride month and welcoming author George M. Johnson as they answer your questions and speak about their experiences that lead to and informed the writing of their hugely successful memoir "[All Boys Aren't Blue](#)" now optioned by Gabrielle Union for a mini-series!

Resource Roadmap for Trans & Non-Binary Folks in SMC – Your Guide to: Where to go; What to do; & How to do it, Wednesday, June 9, 7 – 8:30 pm

This interactive workshop will help transgender and non-binary individuals in San Mateo County find, access, and navigate the different networks of resources available. We will review tips and tricks specific to San Mateo County and cover the following topics: finding and maintaining safe, affordable housing; navigating the healthcare system to find gender-affirming providers for both physical and mental health; finding work and identifying trans-affirming employers; knowing your rights and accessing legal resources (e.g. name and gender change); and more! There will be a presentation followed by a question and answer portion.

Additional Programs:

Becoming a Pro at Pronouns, Tuesday, June 15, 6 – 7:30 pm, Register: smcl.org/pronounpro

The San Mateo County Pride Center, in collaboration with San Mateo County Libraries, is proud to offer this "Pronouns 101" workshop to help you feel more comfortable in any situation! In this workshop, you'll learn how to safely ask someone their pronouns, delve into neo pronouns, and experience a safe space to ask your questions about pronouns. Through interactive activities like videos, zoom polls, and engaging questions, we'll help you become a pro at pronouns!

_____ and Queer: Exploring Intersectionality Within the LGBTQ Community, Thursday, June 17, 6 – 7:30 pm, Register with [this link](#).

The San Mateo County Pride Center, in collaboration with San Mateo County Libraries, invites you to join us for a community dialogue about all of the identities we hold. We will discuss how race, gender, and sexuality intertwine and intersect. During this workshop there will be opportunities to share common ground, learn from each other's differences, and expand our notion of allyship within the LGBTQ communities.

- If you'd like to read the **PFS Older Adult** eblast with a comprehensive list of their June Programming, please see this link: <https://tinyurl.com/PFSJune2021Newsletter>
- If you are in our next **Name and Gender Marker workshop** scheduled on June 30, please see this link: <http://bit.ly/name-and-gender-change-rsvp>
- If you'd like to see a comprehensive list of our **peer support groups**, please see this link: sanmateopride.org/programs/peer-groups/

To: LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County
From: Tanya Beat, Director
Date: May 4, 2021
Subject: Status of recent events/projects

County COVID Update

- San Mateo County offices are officially open starting June 15. Commission meetings will remain virtual until further notice.

Vacancy Process

- Interviews on Monday, June 7 and we hope to have new commissioner join us for the July 6 meeting

Pride Visibility Project Presentation on Friday, June 11 at 7pm

- What will this presentation be about? Krystle and Chris
- Who should attend?
- What does outreach look like?

Co-Chair Elections

- Nominations: Dana Johnson and Giuliana Garcia
- The term is one year: July – June. And Cochairs can serve a total of two years.
- We will vote with verbal acknowledge and hand raised.

Meeting cancellation Proposal & Discussion

- There are two meetings in July. Potential to have a break and cancel the August 3 meeting.