



Dear friends,

It's been a busy summer and while we are reflecting on our amazing 13th annual Gender Spectrum Conference we wanted to update you on our current groups, programs and other work. We hope you are enjoying a restful summer and looking forward to a wonderful fall season!

Online Groups for Adults and Youth

Our online groups are safe spaces for parents, adult family members and youth to connect with peers and share stories. Below are our current and upcoming groups for adults -- check the [groups page](#) on our website regularly for more groups for youth and adults.

Navigating Gender and Race: An

Online Discussion Group for Parents of Color Raising Gender Diverse Children and Teens is an ongoing group this month. The group meets Sundays in August from 5:00pm to 6:00pm PT/8:00pm to 9:00pm ET.

[Sign up for the Parents of Color group here](#)

Neurodivergence and Gender: An Online Discussion Group for Parents Raising Neurodivergent Gender Diverse Children and Teens will meet four Fridays in September at 10:00am to 11:00am PT/1:00pm to 2:00pm ET starting on 9/6/19 through 9/27/19.

[Sign up for the Neurodivergence group here.](#)

The National Parent Support Group is a live online/call-in peer group where parents can support each other and find helpful information on their journey of raising transgender, non-binary or otherwise gender-expansive children and teens.

[Sign up for the National Parent Support group here.](#)

The next meeting of our **Facilitators Support Group** is Thursday, September 5 at 11am PT/2pm ET. The group is for anyone who runs a group that serves youth and/or families and who wants to learn about issues related to gender and youth - it's a space where you can ask any and all

questions about gender that you have, or that arise in your group, in a confidential setting. The group meets on the first Thursday of every month.

[Register here.](#)

Navigating Barbershops and Salons



Hair can be a really powerful tool for gender expression, and for many of us our hair affirms our gender identity in really special ways. But barbershops and salons can be intimidating spaces and it can be a process to find the haircut that truly makes you feel good! Our new video series "***Navigating Barbershops and Salons***" helps you learn how to navigate barbershops by providing basic tools to help you create the best versions of yourself. Watch the introduction video here and follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) to see the full series.

Meet Our New Staff!



JT Taylor



Yarrow Halpern

Gender Spectrum is thrilled to welcome two new staff members to our team! JT Taylor (pronouns: they/them/their) joins as our Managing Director to help oversee our programs, develop our overall organizational strategy, help diversify our efforts and evaluate our work. JT comes to Gender Spectrum after more than 15 years supporting nonprofit and philanthropic organizations as an evaluation, strategic planning, and organizational development consultant, and brings a passion for helping youth of all genders be safe, seen, and supported. Also, Yarrow Halpern (pronouns: they/them/their) joins us as Program Manager of Professional Development and Training. Yarrow will work with our Senior Director of Professional Development Joel Baum in providing training and facilitation for workshops and trainings, conducting outreach to partner and potential client organizations, and managing the program administration. If you are

interested in a training for your school or organization, contact Yarrow at training@genderspectrum.org. We are truly excited to have these two wonderful new staff members join us!

The 2019 Gender Spectrum Conference and Professionals' Symposium

Our 13th annual Gender Spectrum Conference was a joyful celebration of the parents, families, children, teens, young people and professionals who come together and create an incredible community for the weekend. Our day-long Professionals' Symposium before the Conference brought together more than 300 professionals who work with youth and families to help bring them the latest strategies and approaches for gender inclusion and supportive practices in their work. The Conference was filled to capacity with more than 1,000 parents, children, teens, volunteers and other adults from across the country (and even globally!) who made new connections, saw old friends, and shared stories and support.

A video with brief excerpts from parents talking about the Conference is below - you can see more parent videos, photos and more from the Conference on [our website](#).



Gender Spectrum at SXSW

Gender Spectrum has submitted a proposal for the South by Southwest 2020 Conference (SXSW) focused on how companies can address gender more effectively. [You can read about it here.](#) The panel will also feature speakers from Google and Porter Novelli.

You can help us bring this important conversation to SXSW by casting your vote on the SXSW website. Just go to [this link](#), create an account (it only takes a minute), and click "Vote up." You can also vote for our SXSW Education panel on Gender Inclusive Puberty and Health Education [here](#). Thank you!



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