

AAUW Central District Interbranch Program

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March 16, 2021

Understanding Sexuality and Gender Identity Workshop

AAUW-NOCB will host the Central District Interbranch Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Members of the Northern Monmouth and Freehold Branches will be in attendance. The meeting will be via Zoom, starting at 6:30 PM; zoom will be open at 6:15 PM. The presentation will start at 7:00 PM.

The program, titled “Understanding Sexuality and Gender Identity Workshop” is designed to help attendees understand the basics of sexuality delineating the terms “lesbian”, “gay”, “bisexual”, “transgender”, “non-binary”, “heterosexual”, “cisgender” among others, as well as how these categories are “defined”. It begins by explaining the basic stages of sexual development regarding the general physical, cognitive and emotional milestones people undergo as they mature. It will also detail the four different components that make up sexuality: chromosomal sex, gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.

The program will be presented by Ashley Chiappano, MA, Safe Schools & Community Education Manager at Garden State Equality, New Jersey’s Largest LGBTQ Advocacy & Education Organization. Ashley holds a B.A. in Communication-Public Relations and Journalism from Monmouth University and an M.A. in Human Service from Capella University.

An adoptive mother, she has worked as a public servant and child welfare professional, training many LGBTQ foster/adoptive parents for the Department of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P). She worked to establish an All Children-All Family recognized state that welcomes and celebrates LGBTQ families. Ashley was a Resource Family Advocate at Foster and Adoptive Family services, where her focus was to educate, advocate and assist families by utilizing CP&P policy to resolve issues and create positive change. She loves educating others on how to make schools safer for LGBTQ youth. Ashley enjoys spending her free time going on adventures with her four amazing children.

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