

Affirming our choices

Lesbian Families "Affirming Our Choices," a conference by and for lesbians and their families, is slated for February 17-19. Karen Thompson will be the keynote speaker. The conference will examine the many families of which lesbians choose to be a part, as well as factors that relate to lesbian families. Lesbian Community Project in conjunction with Portland State University's Women's Studies, Women's Union, Lesbian Alliance, and Community Psychology is sponsoring the conference.

Multi-image slide presentation by Joan E. Biren (JEB) of the 1987 March on Washington For Lesbian and Gay Rights will kick off the conference on Friday night.



JEB's multi-image slide presentation February 17 is part of the LCP conference on Lesbian Families.

"I really encourage all members of our community to come see this. This isn't just for lesbians," said Jawaea Mackabee of Lesbian Community Project. "JEB's slide show chronicles all six days during which 650,000 lesbians, gay men, and their friends came to Washington, D.C. and made history. It's a gift to us all."

Among the workshops scheduled for the conference are: Lesbian Couples and the Law, Reproductive Choice Issues for Alternative Families, Thinking of Having Children, Women with Women and Children, and Renters' Rights and the New Fair Housing

Amendments. Teenage lesbians are especially welcome and all under 18 will be admitted free of charge.

The final evening of the conference will be used to outline lesbian concerns. A representative from LCP will take these concerns to the Lesbian Agenda Conference in March.

"This last event is open to all lesbians free of charge," said Mackabee. "It's so neat that our conference has the honor to hold a regional meeting. Lesbians always seem to work for change, yet their voices are not heard. This is a fantastic chance to voice *our* concerns."

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