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should be open to the possibility that the child's gender identity might change.

"We cannot wait until we end gender system to end surgery on intersex infants," she said. "Deconstructing gender is a job for adults, not children."

**CLASS HELPS SAME-GENDER COUPLES DEAL WITH CONFLICT**

Gay and lesbian partners can learn and practice essential relationship skills and enhance their ability to deal constructively with conflict in Kaiser Permanente's "Problem-Solving for Same-Gender Couples" class.

The eight sessions are held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Oct. 24 through Dec. 19. Classes are held at Kaiser Permanente's Interstate Medical Office Central, 3600 N. Interstate Ave.

The cost is \$90 for couples in which at least one of the partners is a Kaiser Permanente health plan member. Nonmember couples can sign up for \$110.

To register call 503-286-6816.

**CLINIC FUNDED**

In a time when government resources are down and social needs are up, Outside In has received some promising support through a federal grant.

The organization will receive \$418,460 annually for the next two years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

After that the grant is renewable provided Outside In meets project goals.

As economic uncertainties prevail and unemployment remains high, the need for medical support of low-income adults and homeless youth—including a disproportionate number of queer kids—has increased greatly. The money will provide some stability and enable Outside In to open clinic doors evenings and Saturdays, when there is little availability for uninsured and homeless people other than hospital emergency rooms.

Last year the organization provided 7,700 visits to 2,858 clients, 1,000 of whom were homeless. An additional 2,000 homeless youth and adults will be served each year through this funding.

The grant will enable Outside In to extend its medical services into the community through outreach, sending practitioners to places like Dignity Village, the Goose Hollow Family Shelter and other Portland agencies serving homeless youth. Other expansions include dental and mental health services.

Outside In's clinic provides allopathic, naturopathic, chiropractic, acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. Not only do clients receive low-cost and free care, but the agency trains dozens of doctors from different disciplines in working with homeless populations.

**INPUT SOUGHT**

People living with HIV and AIDS are invited to come make their voice heard during Community Input Day from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Southwest Washington Health District, 2000

Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver.

Participants will be able to learn about the resources available to them in Clark and Skamania counties and take part in the decision-making process. A light meal will be served.

For more information call 360-397-8444 or e-mail jroberts@swwhd.wa.gov.

**WASHINGTON TRANS ACTIVISTS JOIN BOARD**

Two activists from Washington state were appointed to the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition's board for the 2002-2003 session during its Aug. 14 meeting. The civil rights organization works to establish and maintain the right of all trans, intersex and gender-variant people to live and work without fear of violence or discrimination.

Robyn Walters of Port Ludlow will serve as secretary, and Rory Gould of Mount Vernon will serve as a board member. They have years of experience in activism, youth organizing, community support, education, research and coalition building.

Against a backdrop of three brutal trans murders during the past month, outgoing chairman Yoseñio Lewis urged the board to redouble its efforts. "I have faith that the new board will only enhance NTAC and will assist it in becoming an even stronger organization committed to ensuring full inclusion of all transgender and gender-variant persons in civil rights legislation," he said.

**CHECKS PRESENTED**

Coors Brewing Company presented \$1,500 checks to Our House of Portland and Esther's Pantry during a lunch Aug. 27 at the Oregon Zoo. The donations were collected through a fund-raising partnership with Silverado, Scandals, Embers and the Panorama complex this summer.

**PLANNING PRIDE**

The Eugene Pride 2003 Planning Committee will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Community Room at the Eugene Water and Electric Board, 500 E. Fourth Ave. The public is welcome to participate. ☐

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From left, Joe Jefferson of Our House of Portland, Cinde Dolphin of Coors and David Beckley and Greg Cure of Esther's Pantry celebrate Aug. 27 at the Oregon Zoo

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