

YFA DIVERSITY NEWS

“Won’t it be wonderful when Black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history.” -Maya Angelou

JUNE DIVERSITY CALENDAR
African American Music Appreciation Month & LGBTQIA Pride Month
June 5– HIV long term survivors awareness day
June 11-13 National Puerto Rican Day Parade
June 12– Loving Day & Pulse Night of Remembrance
June 13– African New Year
June 15– Native American Citizen Day
June 17-18 Tisha B'Av
June 19– Juneteenth
June 28– Stonewall Riots Anniversary

Happy Juneteenth!

Juneteenth is considered the longest-running African American holiday. Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. Although The Emancipation Proclamation established that all enslaved people be freed in 1863, this did not instantly free enslaved people. Slavery had continued in Texas as the state lacked a significant presence of Union Troops. In fact, many enslavers moved to Texas as it was viewed as a safe haven for Slavery. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19, the anniversary of the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. Slavery in America was formally abolished in December 1865 via the 13th Amendment.

Ways to Celebrate Pride!

- ⇒ Attend a Pride parade or event
- ⇒ Learn about LGBTQIA history – visit the Stonewall Inn online at the Stonewall Forever virtual monument
- ⇒ Educate yourself to become an Ally – The Trevor Project has published a free downloadable “Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Non-Binary Youth”
- ⇒ Wear your Pride on Your Sleeve – check out the many stores and collections that have released rainbow-hued gear

Ways to Celebrate Juneteenth!

- ⇒ Attend a local demonstration
- ⇒ Make a monetary donation and/or volunteer your time to a racial justice organization (Black Lives Matter, NAACP, Loveland Foundation)
- ⇒ Support black-owned businesses (WeBuyBlack, The Black Wallet, Official Black Wall Street)
- ⇒ Amplify black voices-- Reflect, Listen, and Learn
- ⇒ COMMIT! For the long haul.

Research has shown that LGBTQIA youth are over-represented in the foster care system, meaning that the percentage of youth in foster care who identify as LGBTQIA is larger than the percentage of LGBTQIA youth in the general youth population.

Supporting LGBTQIA youth in foster care:

When a youth discloses his or her LGBTQIA identity to you, respond in an affirming, supportive way.

Understand that the way people identify their sexual orientation or gender identity may change over time.

Use the name and pronoun (he/she) your youth prefers. (If unclear, ask how he or she prefers to be addressed.)

Respect your youth’s privacy. Allow him or her to decide when to come out and to whom.

Connect your youth with LGBTQIA organizations, resources, and events. Consider seeking an LGBTQIA adult role model for your youth, if possible.



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