





## **Sample Opening Statement**

Welcome to PFLAG [Chapter Name.]

PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. Our chapter has existed since [DATE] and is one of nearly 400 chapters nationwide.

At PFLAG, we value accountability, bravery, community & collaboration, inclusivity & belonging, and growth. By meeting people where they are, leading with love, and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- Support for families, allies, and people who are LGBTQ+
- Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ+
- Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ+

Meetings are open to all and are completely confidential and free. What is said here stays here. Confidentiality is important to us for one reason or another, and at all times we respect the rights of others.

We are here because we have a common bond – an LGBTQ+ relative or friend. We welcome all - at whatever stage they are in their coming out journey. We realize that we cannot meet the needs of everyone at every meeting and every meeting is a bit different in its makeup because of the people, the concerns, and even current issues. We welcome all and hope you will return again. Each of us gains strength by your presence.











