



SOUTH JERSEY NOW
ALICE PAUL CHAPTER



*South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul chapter
Program Meeting
on Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 pm
at First Baptist Church,
19 W Main Street, Moorestown*

BEING TRANSGENDER IN NEW JERSEY

One of NOW's six main goals is combatting discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bi- and Trans (LGBT) people. Our speaker from Garden State Equality will provide information about the rights of transgender and gender nonconforming youth and adults in NJ. We will hear about the challenges faced by transgender youth in schools and community settings and how the NJ Law Against Discrimination, NJ Anti-Bullying Law and the NJ Department of Education Transgender Student Guidelines protect students in our state. We will also hear about recently passed and/or pending such as the Birth Certificate Bill, Death Certificate Bill, Transgender Task Force and LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum Bill.

Our speaker, Ashley Chiappano, a Safe Schools Coordinator, is a parent, advocate, facilitator and trainer. Working in the non-profit and public service fields for more than eight years, she has trained and licensed many LGBT foster/adoptive parents for the Department of Child Protection and Permanency and also participated in their Safe Space Program. Ashley is proud of working in an All Children-All Family recognized state that welcomes and celebrates LGBT families. She has also trained families in areas related to trauma, child development, abuse/neglect and case practice. Prior to this work, she was a Resource Family Advocate at Foster and Adoptive Family services, where her focus was to educate, advocate and assist families to resolve issues and create positive change. As a Resource Family Advocate, she was a licensed resource parent and adoptive mother. Ashley has a BA in Communication-Public Relations and Journalism from Monmouth University and an MA in Human Service from Capella University. Ashley enjoys spending time with her husband Pete, their dog Elsa and their four amazing kids.