



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

November 1, 2023

Welcome to *The Rainbow Connection!* A monthly newsletter highlighting programs, upcoming events, and more, brought to you by Rainbow Rose Center, serving York County's LGBTQIA+ Community.

It's Officially Fall!



As we leave the celebrations of October and National Coming Out Day, we enter into a more solemn time of the year. Soon we will wake in the dark only to have the sun's light depart much earlier. The air is a bit more crisp with winter's winds upon us and Transgender Day of Remembrance will soon be here. November is a month where we give thanks for all that we have. For the right to be our authentic self. For some,

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on Transgender Day of Remembrance on
November 19. Those of us at the Rainbow Rose
Center hope you will join us in remembering and
celebrating their lives this day.

All Our Best,

Rainbow Rose Center Board

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Your Vote Matters!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th. Your vote matters! If you are registered to vote, please make sure you make it to your polling station.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you are in line to vote and the polls close, you still have the right to vote.



Remember, you are not required to show ID when you vote, unless it is the first time you are voting at that location. If you have voted at your polling location before, you are not required to provide your ID.

To find your polling place, visit: [PA Polling Place](#)

Stay informed and vote!

Name Change Workshop

Saturday, November 18 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Rainbow Rose Center
2930 Carol Road
York, PA 17402



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Workshop on Saturday, November 18th. Similar to the last workshop that conducted in July, people interested in changing their legal name in York County should attend, but they do not need to bring anything with them to participate. We will provide all necessary documentation, walk them through the process for filling out the paperwork, talk about the filing and fingerprinting process, discuss the waiver for publication, and explain the hearing process. Those planning to come should understand this is a first-come-first-serve opportunity, but we will have multiple volunteers on site and multiple computers to use. Attendees are invited on a walk-in basis, and should expect the process to take about 20-30 minutes.

Where to Find Us in November



Transgender Day of Remembrance
Sunday, November 19 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Red Lion Recreation Center
Fairmount Park
190 S Charles Street
Red Lion, PA 17356

The Rainbow Rose Center will be holding a Transgender Day of Remembrance event on November 19th at the Red Lion

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lives this past year.

Save the Date



All Inclusive Holiday Bazaar
 Date: Dec 9th
 Time: 8am to 2pm
 Location: 1649 Broadway, Hanover
 Pa. 17331
Inside the Markets of Hanover

For a vendor application please scan



Preferred Partnership with




2nd Annual All Inclusive Holiday Bazaar!
 Saturday, December 9, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 The Markets at Hanover
 1649 Broadway
 Hanover, PA 17331

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with our Annual Holiday Bazaar! Are you looking for just the right gift for a member of the community, then look no further than this All Inclusive Holiday Bazaar. Lots of unique gifts for everyone in your life! Still accepting vendor applications! Click [HERE](#) or scan the code above to apply to be a vendor.

Events We're Excited About

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Announcing The Keystone Family Retreat

Announcing the inaugural Keystone Family retreat, hosted by [TransCentralPA](#) and the [Keystone Conference](#). Realizing the unique needs that families have when raising a trans or non-binary child, we have created the Keystone Family Retreat to help meet those needs. This inaugural event is focused on providing opportunities to learn and network with each other. We want you to find support and friendship, further your knowledge of trans issues and to have an enjoyable and uplifting experience. So please join us for what we hope will be an informative and inspirational time for you and your loved ones.



The Keystone Family Retreat

November 10 - 12

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel

4650 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

For more information,
visit: <https://keystonefamilyretreat.org/>

Help Wanted!

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking for committee members for the following committees:

The **Fundraising committee** is looking for new committee members to help raise money for the organization. The committee meets once a month for just one hour with work

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- Create new fundraising ideas
- Make introductions to prospective financial supporters
- Provide ideas on businesses to call
- Tell your story to potential sponsors

For more information contact Nate Tile at 717-801-4482 or ntile@rainbowrosecenter.org

The **Volunteer Committee** is looking for new committee members to help engage, vet, and train volunteers. For more information contact Maria Gable at dmmccargogable@rainbowrosecenter.org.

The **Marketing & Communications Committee** is looking for new committee members to help with our website and navigate our social media presence. For more information contact Deb Smith at dsmith@rainbowrosecenter.org.

The **Programs Committee** is looking for new committee members to help plan, coordinate, arrange, and moderate our programs. For more information contact Lauren Forrest at lforrest@rainbowrosecenter.org.

Program Schedule

Check out our upcoming meeting schedule below for dates and times!

Gender Diverse Support Group

Occurs 4th Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. -
10:00 p.m.
November 25

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00
p.m.

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

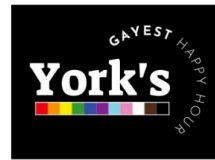
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All Adult Identities Social Group

The All Adult Identities Social Group will be meeting for two events this month.



All Adult Identities Social Group will be meeting on Nov 9th at Mudhook Brewing for York's Gayest Happy Hour



York's Gayest Happy Hour
Thursday, November 9 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mudhook Brewing Company
34 N. Cherry Lane
York, PA 17401

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Please join the  RAINBOW ROSE CENTER

in celebrating the season with a Friends-Giving meal

Join us on Nov 26th from 12pm to 2pm as we share a potluck meal with new and old friends

Please fill out the Google form with what you will be sharing!



Friends-Giving
Sunday, November 26 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
at the
Rainbow Rose Center
2930 Carol Road
York, PA 17402

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Please reach out to Christina Wingert with any questions! Cwingert@rainbowrosecenter.org

The Silver Triangle

Coming soon, sign up for our new support group for LGBTQIA+ adults age 50+ at:
[Silver Triangle Signup](#)

Check the [Rainbow Rose Center Website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#) for updates!

Safety is our utmost priority for all virtual support group meetings, so we do not publish meeting link details publicly. To participate our meetings, join each group's mailing list at:

[Rainbow Rose Center Support Groups](#)
and fill out the intake form to receive instructions on how to join the meeting.

There are Plenty of Volunteer Opportunities Throughout the Year!

By volunteering with the Rainbow Rose Center, you have the opportunity to make a positive impact in our beautiful community. Volunteering also presents the chance to meet and bond with likeminded LGBTQIA+ folks and allies! There are so many ways to get involved as a volunteer at the Rainbow Rose Center, and we have opportunities for volunteers of all ages! Each volunteer adds value to our organization, and we greatly cherish

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Sign up to become a volunteer [HERE.](#)

Don't have time to volunteer but still want to contribute?

Consider making a donation to support the Rainbow Rose Center!

Your support helps our Resource Specialists provide invaluable information to members of the LGBTQIA+ community on where they can go to get the help they need to thrive right here in York County! Donate directly on our website at:

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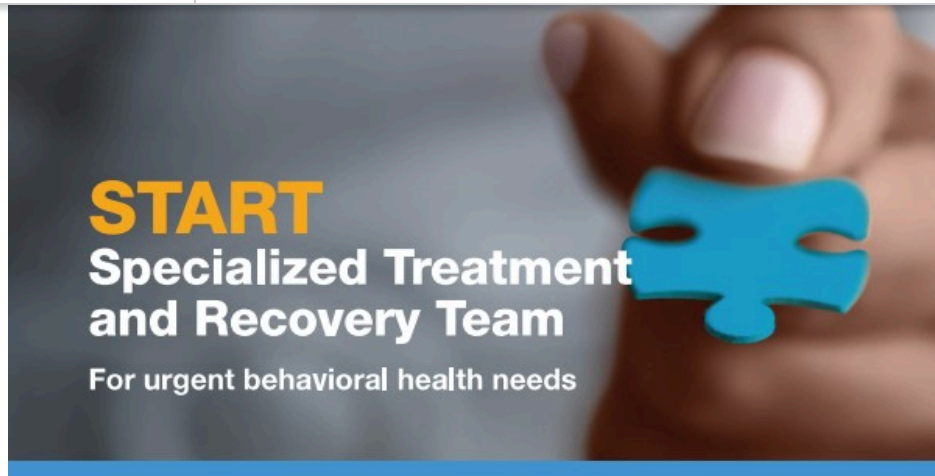
Build the Financial Health of the LGBTQ+ Community Survey from Experian and Out & Equal



In partnership with Experian, Out & Equal is charting a bold path to assess the credit health of the LGBTQ+ community, leverage public education campaigns to support the community, and work with employers to support the financial health and empowerment of the LGBTQ+ community.

[PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO LET US KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU FOR THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT.](#)

Understanding our financial health is worth it.



START can help you get on the road to recovery and wholeness with the support of our diverse and multi-disciplinary care team, in a trauma-informed, patient-centered setting.

You'll receive a truly integrated care experience that includes screening, assessment and diagnosis of mental health and substance disorders, and related primary care screening. Through extensive collaboration with community partners, **START** will provide referrals for housing, job skills training, child care access and other support services, as needed.

Location

WellSpan Philhaven **START**
Loretta Claiborne Building
605 S. George St.
Suite 100
York, PA 17401

Phone

(717) 356-5060

Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

WellSpanPhilhaven.org/START

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START also partners with the Community Action for Recovery & Diversion project (CARD) and the York County criminal justice system to recognize opportunities when treatment for individuals with substance use or mental health disorders could be a more appropriate path than incarceration.

Services We Offer

- Mental health and substance use disorder services
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Crisis mental health services
- Primary Care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and risks
- Recovery and Peer Support services
- Care coordination and social services

START is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), the first of its kind in south central Pennsylvania.



Visit the [Rainbow Rose Center website](#) for exciting new additions, program offerings, services, and more!



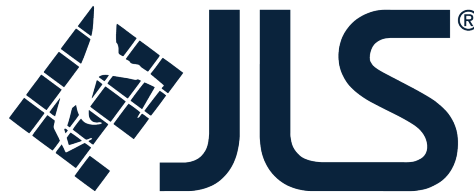
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...the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves. And it allows for creative solutions necessary to allow all York County individuals to feel safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

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Thank You to The Markets at Hanover and St. Paul's UCC Dallastown for becoming Preferred Partners!



The Markets at Hanover is a year-round indoor farmers market and food court featuring local, independently owned shops and unique restaurants and an onsite brewery and pub.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Dallastown is an open and affirming congregation. Their motto is "Living like Jesus with love and justice for all." They welcome everyone who wants to join them.

Visit Our Preferred Partners!

The Rainbow Rose Center Preferred Partner Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local consumer businesses and organizations that are passionate about equality and acceptance. Our Preferred Partners support our community every day by creating environments where people of all backgrounds can feel safe, supported, and welcome. We are proud to partner with the following organizations and businesses and encourage members of the York community, both LGBTQIA+ and allies, to visit and support them. Be sure to keep a look out throughout York County for our Preferred Partnership logo!



Current Preferred Partners include:

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Become a Preferred Partner!

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<https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/resources/preferred-partners.html> or email Nate Tile at fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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community quit. We also provide health educators, regular group cessation classes, one-on-one counseling, and additional support. [Find out more](#) and [register today!](#)

If you need information on smoking cessation or are interested in quitting contact the Pennsylvania Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or contact the Rainbow Rose Center Programs Committee at: programs@rainbowrosecenter.org

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www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter.

Visit us at www.rainbowrosecenter.org.

Email us at: info@rainbowrosecenter.org

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To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:

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