



## THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

February 1, 2022

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.

### Make Your Voice Heard!

#### RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR LGBTQ HEALTH

Participate in the 2022 Pennsylvania  
LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment

Every person who takes the survey will help LGBTQ organizations develop programs that best serve our community.



English: [bit.ly/2022PANA](https://bit.ly/2022PANA)  
Español: [bit.ly/2022PANA\\_S](https://bit.ly/2022PANA_S)



*Pennsylvania is home to thousands of LGBTQIA+ residents, and the state has become a leader in measuring disparities impacting our community's wellness. Since 2015, a growing network of LGBTQIA+ organizations have helped collect data about our community's health needs and barriers to care.*

*We are currently collecting data for the 2022 Pennsylvania LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment. The anonymous survey is available in English and Spanish, and those who complete it have the option to be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card afterwards. Special efforts are being made to encourage participation from underrepresented parts of our community, including LGBTQIA+ youth, older adults, people of color, members of rural communities, and transgender and gender non-conforming individuals.*

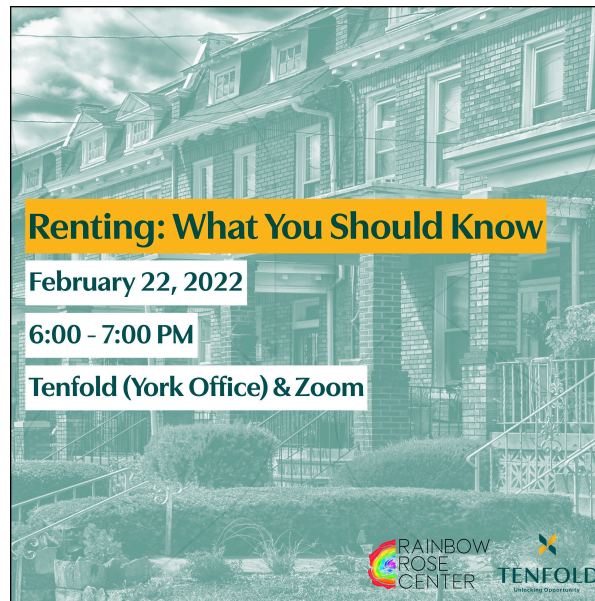
*We hope to promote a better understanding of the unique experiences of members throughout the LGBTQIA+ community across Pennsylvania.*

*Every person who completes the survey will be helping fuel community-based programs designed to close gaps in service and address health disparities. Together we will build a stronger, healthier community.*

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## Programs Committee Update

*Hi everyone, my name is Brittany DeArmond (she/hers) and I am the new Programs Chair here at the Rainbow Rose Center. I live in York County with my wonderful wife Katherine and bonus daughter Morgan. I look forward to helping and giving back to not only my community, but the community that is nearest and dearest to my heart! I look forward to hitting the ground running this year. To kick it off 2022, we are offering a unique opportunity for our All Adult Identities Group with the folks from Tenfold in Lancaster, PA. Tenfold is a Non-Profit organization that helps achieve fair and equitable housing for ALL. This event will be held on February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Check out the flyer below!*



*Look out for more info on our website and Facebook page! To learn more about Tenfold and what they have to offer, check out their website at <https://wearetenfold.org/>.*

February is...

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

## EVENTS

**Get Involved with YWCA York's Upcoming Events for the Month!**

**All Month Long!**

Follow YWCA York on social media!

Check in for facts, stats, education, and helpful strategies!  
 Facebook: YWCA York  
 Instagram: @YWCAYork


**Feb 8** **Wear Orange Day**  
 Wear orange to build awareness around the important topic of teen dating violence. Take a photo of you or a group of folks and send it to [LKeefe@ywcayork.org](mailto:LKeefe@ywcayork.org) or tag @YWCAYork on Facebook or Instagram!

**Feb 15-17** **Building Bridges for Youth Symposium**  
 FREE 3-session daytime event for anyone who wants to learn more about supporting the children and adolescents in their lives. Register here: <https://rebrand.ly/BB-2022>

**Feb 22** **Facebook Live Event**  
 Join YWCA York for a brief Facebook Live event discussing strategies for talking to the teens in your life and the warning signs to look for unhealthy relationships!

**Feb 24** **Virtual Short Documentary Screening**  
 Join YWCA York's Prevention Educator and Community Outreach Advocate online for an hour-long event watching and discussing one family's experience with Teen Dating Violence. Register here: <https://rebrand.ly/TDVAM-Screening>

For more information:  
 Email Lindy Keefe: [LKeefe@ywcayork.org](mailto:LKeefe@ywcayork.org)



### Paid Research Opportunity!



*If you are between the ages of 13-18, identify outside of the gender binary, and study French or Spanish in a U.S. high school, you may be eligible to participate in a compensated research project about gender and language learning. Click here for more info: <http://www.tinyurl.com/nbla2022>.*

*Please share to spread the word!*

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**Give Local York Returns Starting Friday, May 6, 2022**



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## There are Plenty of Volunteer Opportunities!

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+ folx and allies! We need help with day to day activities, and we're also looking for committee members to directly influence the direction of the organization. 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 each individual that dedicates time to help our cause.

**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 <https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/donations/>

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT!

The York Transgender, Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC), and Living Proudly HIV Support Groups are now meeting regularly. The Living Proudly HIV Support Group schedule has changed and is now meeting every third Wednesday. See the schedule below for dates and times!

Check the [Rainbow Rose Center Website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#) for updates! We hope to see you there!

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**We are currently only meeting virtually via Zoom but this may change in future months.**

### **York Transgender Support Group**

Occurs 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

February 26<sup>th</sup>

March 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group**

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

February 13<sup>th</sup>

March 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Living Proudly HIV Support Group**

Occurs 2nd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

February 16<sup>th</sup>

March 16<sup>th</sup>

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:

[www.rainbowrosecenter.org/programs/](http://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/programs/)

and fill out the intake form to receive instructions on how to join the meeting.

For more information about services for our Transgender community in Pennsylvania, visit:



Visit the [Rainbow Rose Center website](#) for exciting new additions, program offerings, services, and more! Don't forget to check out the Rainbow Rose Center's new digital pamphlets:

[Rainbow Rose Center Main Pamphlet](#)

[Rainbow Rose Center Programs & Services Pamphlet](#)



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LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

*Serving the LGBT Community  
of the Greater Lehigh Valley*

The Rainbow Rose Center is a Smoke Free Organization. All our events are SMOKE FREE in partnership with **Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center** as part of their initiative for a healthier and longer-lived community! We do not accept sponsorship or vending applications from tobacco, vaping, cigarette, or other similar companies.

If you need information on smoking cessation or are interested in quitting contact the Pennsylvania Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or contact the RRC Programs Committee at: [programs@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:programs@rainbowrosecenter.org)

*Living Proudly. Living Longer*  
**LGBT SMOKE FREE**

LGBTQA populations have increased rates of tobacco use, while also facing challenges accessing and receiving care.

For help quitting smoking call **1-800-QUIT-NOW**

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 Email us at: [info@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:info@rainbowrosecenter.org)  
 Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)  
 To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:  
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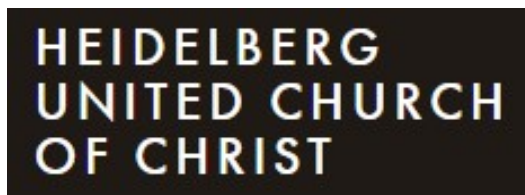
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 Begin With **Great LGBT Community Centers**  
[www.lgbtcenters.org](http://www.lgbtcenters.org)

### 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:

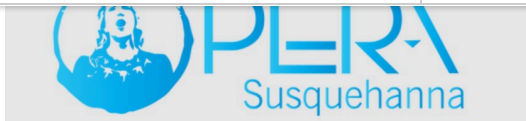


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Help Heal Our World!



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