



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

March 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.

Hi, everyone! I'm Lauren Forrest, an LGBTQIA+ ally and a clinical research psychologist. I deeply value human rights. In both my personal and professional life, I want to contribute to reducing systemic inequalities people in the LGBTQIA+ community face. In my job as a psychologist, I conduct research dedicated to preventing suicide and eating disorders amongst LGBTQIA+ folks. At the Rainbow Rose Center, I'm currently the Chair of the Programs Committee and a member of the Grants Team. Outside of work, I enjoy practicing yoga, hiking, vegan baking, and spending time with my three dogs and husband.

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All my best!

Lauren Forrest
She/Her
Programs Committee Chair

Where To Find Us In March



The Thirteenth Annual
Keystone Conference

Wednesday, March 22 through Sunday, March 26
Harrisburg Hilton Hotel
1 N. Second St.
Harrisburg, Pa 17101

The Rainbow Rose Center will again partner with TransCentralPA to organize the Clothing Exchange at the Keystone Conference! The Thirteenth Annual Keystone Conference, "A Celebration of Gender Diversity," will be hosted at the splendid Harrisburg Hilton Hotel from March 22 - 26, 2023. We're looking for volunteers to help us accept the generous clothing and gender-affirming materials from conference attendees and get them on display for other attendees to look through. The Rainbow Rose Center will work with other organizations to distribute leftover donations after the conference. If you're interested in volunteering, or in attending the event,

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For those in need of scholarships to cover the cost of workshops (does not include lodging, transportation, or food), contact info@rainbowrosecenter.org.

Save The Date



Spring Grove Area School District: Diversity Festival

Thursday, April 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Spring Grove Area High School
 324 Walnut Street
 Columbia, PA 17512

Join the Rainbow Rose Center at the Spring Grove Area School District Annual Diversity Festival. This free event will showcase and celebrate the diversity represented in our community. The entire community is invited to attend the festival to learn from each other and our differences, to experience an inclusive and welcoming environment, and to help break down barriers in our society. For more information, visit: [SGASD Diversity Festival](#).



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Fair Housing Month Summit: Pink Rose Panel
 Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Columbia, PA 17512

The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to be a part of the Fair Housing Month Summit: Pink Rose Panel once again. Finding and maintaining secure housing continues to be a barrier for our LGBTQIA+ neighbors in the Red and White Rose communities. The joint Lancaster-York panel will explore current housing issues, as well as supportive programs and remedies.

This will be a free, in person event with the option to attend virtually. To learn more and get tickets, visit: <http://www.WeAreTenfold.org/Events>.



Friday, May 5, 2023

Your support during Give Local York creates a lasting impact all year! Save the date for the 2023 Give Local York and help the Rainbow Rose Center fulfill it's mission to foster an environment of inclusion, equity, and health where all LGBTQIA+ community members thrive in York County, Pennsylvania. We envision an inclusive community where all York County individuals feel safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

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York County Pride 2023

Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

York State Fair All Trans Memorial Hall

334 Carlisle Avenue

York, PA 17404

Join the Rainbow Rose Center for York County Pride 2023. Our June 10, 2023 event will take place at the **York State Fair All Trans Memorial Hall** from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. We are eagerly anticipating the ability to accommodate the needs of our diverse community by providing an accessible venue with ample parking that's safe from the elements (both excessive shine and dreary rain).

York County Pride provides an excellent opportunity to distribute information, sell products, and/or advertise services that support and are of interest to the LGBTQIA+ community. We welcome sponsors, organizations, businesses, vendors, and performers to apply on our new website! Registration closes May 12th! Food vendors are not being accepted at this time.

<https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/events/york-county-pride/>

Questions about the event? Contact our Events Committee Chair, Christina Wingert, at events@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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Juneteenth Jubilee

Hanover Juneteenth Jubilee

Saturday, June 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wirt Park

Hanover, PA 17331

Come out and celebrate Juneteenth with the Rainbow Rose Center! The Hanover Juneteenth Jubilee, hosted jointly by the Hanover Area Diversity Alliance and YWCA Hanover, celebrates the emancipation of the last enslaved people after the U.S. Civil War. It also celebrates the accomplishments of Black Americans, without whom the United States would never have existed. The Hanover Juneteenth Jubilee provides historical presentations as well as a variety of entertainment, food, and retail vendors. For more information, visit: [Hanover Juneteenth Jubilee](#).

Interested in joining the RRC Board of Directors?

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking for a dedicated individual to join our board as the Marketing and Communications Co-Chair. The position will include managing our social media pages, developing branded content, and creating a posting calendar, so social media experience is a must! Join this amazing committee by contacting Deb Smith at dsmith@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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START Specialized Treatment and Recovery Team

For urgent behavioral health needs

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.



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+ folx 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

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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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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.

March 25, April 22

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

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

March 12, April 9

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

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

March 15, April 19

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activities!

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.

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

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our sponsors. Their generous support provides the funds for 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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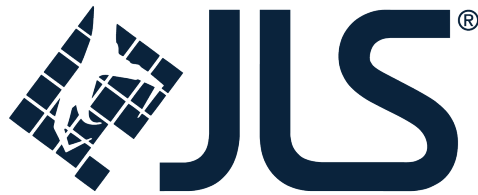
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VISIT OUR PREFERRED PARTNERS:

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:

[Heidelberg United Church of Christ](#)
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<https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/resources/preferred-partners.html> or email Nate Tile at fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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The Rainbow Rose Center is a Tobacco Free Organization. All our events are **SMOKE FREE** as part of our desire for a healthier and longer-lived community! We do not accept sponsorship or vending applications from tobacco, vaping, cigarette, or other similar companies.



The Rainbow Rose Center is honored to partner with WellSpan Health's Freedom from Tobacco program to help the LGBTQIA+ community quit. WellSpan Health offers 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

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Email us at: info@rainbowrosecenter.org

Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)

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