



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

September 5, 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.

York City Bans Conversion Therapy



We're so happy to report that during the August 15 Council meeting, the City of York banned conversion therapy on minors. The Rainbow Rose Center, The Trevor Project, PFLAG, and The Valley, along with several other organizations in York County have been working together with the City over the last several years to ban conversion

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Rainbow Rose Center President Tesla Taliaferro attended the meeting in support of those who spoke their truth during the public comment section. He stated that while there were those there to oppose the ban, our community and their allies carried the night.

The ban is now up to the York City Human Relations Commission to enforce.

For more information, visit: [York City Council Approves Ban on Conversion Therapy for Minors \(Yahoo.com\)](#)

With Honor and Gratitude,

The Rainbow Rose Center Board



All Adult Identities Group

Helping You Live Your Truth
One Day at a Time

Saturday, September 16 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Rainbow Rose Center
2930 Carol Road
York, PA 17402

We are launching our All Adult Identities Social Group!

Please join us for a pizza party at the Rainbow Rose Center office. Feel free to bring a side or a dessert to share. Agenda items are to meet one another, hang out, plan group activities to do going forward, and brainstorm new names for the group.

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.

Where to Find Us in September



2023 York Community Resource Fair
Saturday, September 23 - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Keystone Kidspace

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The York Community Resource Fair is an annual community event in which residents from across the York region can connect directly with dozens of local agencies, service providers, and resources.

This year, the Resource Fair will offer Narcan training, HIV testing, information about housing assistance, resources to respond to bias and discrimination, and much more. For more information, visit: YCP.edu.

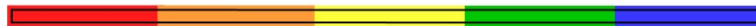


Hanover Diversity Festival

Saturday, September 30 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wirt Park
Hanover, PA 17331

Come celebrate the 5th annual Hanover Diversity Festival! This year's festival has a terrific line-up of multicultural entertainment with something for everyone to enjoy. There will be multi-ethnic foods to tickle your taste buds, vendors with cool stuff to buy, a kids zone, and cultural booths to explore. Free winter coats will be available for those in need. For more information, visit: [Hanover Diversity Festival](#)

Save the Date



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The Queer Moon Party

Sunday, October 1 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mingle Hour

Performances start at 3:00 p.m.

The Belmont Theatre

27 S. Belmont Street

York, PA 17403

The Queer Moon Party is a one day only event hosted by The LGBTour and The Belmont Theatre to celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community! Friends, allies and families (age 12 and up) are welcome! Get there at 2:00 p.m. for a happy hour and raffle. Showtime starts at 3:00 p.m.!

Get your tickets from the Belmont Theatre [HERE](#). Use code MOON25 to receive 25% off your general admission tickets! Proceeds are supporting The LGBTour coaching LGBTQIA+ affirming educators and leaders and co-creating queer bliss. Learn more at tinaingemi.com or on instagram @thelgbtour.

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Homecoming Out in the Rainbow Rose Garden

Saturday, October 14 - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

YWCA Hanover

West Chestnut Street

Hanover, PA 17331



Please join the us as we celebrate our annual HomeComing Out in the Rainbow Rose Garden for a fabulous celebration of love and diversity! There will music, dancing, food, fun and friends! Whether you're part of the LGBTQIA+ community or an ally, this event is for everyone who believes in equality. Use the QR Code above or click [RSVP HERE](#) to reserve your ticket for this free 18+ event!

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Please join us for
**TRANSGENDER DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE**

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

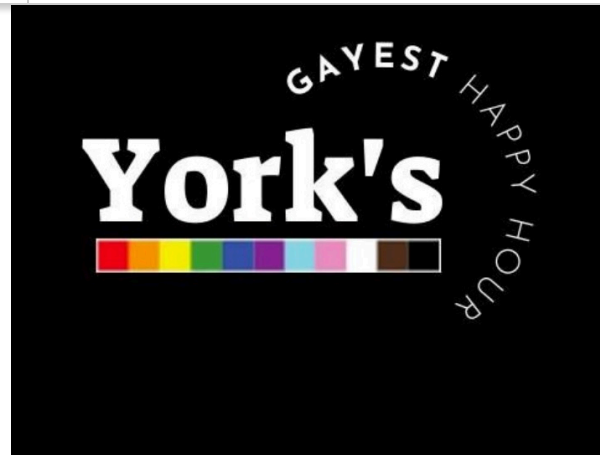
The Rainbow Rose Center will be holding a Transgender Day of Remembrance event on November 19th at the Red Lion Recreation Center. We encourage you to join us as we honor our Transgender brothers and sisters who lost their lives this past year.



2nd Annual Inclusive Holiday Bazaar!
Saturday, December 9
Location and Time To Be Announced!

Stay tuned for more information vendor signup for the Rainbow Rose Center's 2nd Annual Inclusive Holiday Bazaar, where you can shop for friends and family in a safe environment and find one of a kind LGBTQIA+ merchandise!

Events We're Excited About

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York's Gayest Happy Hour

Thursday, September 14 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m

Mudhook Brewing Co.

34 N. Cherry Lane

York, PA 17401

Visit Mudhook Brewing Co. for the debut of York's Gayest Happy Hour - their official "coming out"!

The LGBTQIA+ community of York (and beyond), let your voices be heard and your presence shown as we gather in love, acceptance and belonging on the 2nd Thursday of each month. For more info, visit: [York's Gayest Happy Hour](#)

K-1 OWL AT UUCYork

Our Whole Lives for 5-7 Year Olds



Fall 2023
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**Parent/Child
Orientation
September
17th, 2023
11:15 -12:15
at UUCY
Lower Level
(7 Tribes)**

8 Workshops (11:15-12:15)

- 10/1 Our Wonderful Bodies**
- 10/15 Bodies and Gender**
- 10/22 Body Boundaries**
- 11/5 Families**
- 11/12 How Babies Begin**
- 11/19 Pregnancy and Birth**
- 12/3 Babies**
- 12/10 Celebration**

To let us know your interest or for more info please contact:
OWL@uucy.org
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12 Workshops:
 9/24/23 About our bodies
 10/1/23 Care of our sexual selves
 10/15/23 Safer Choices
 10/22/23 Our sexual develop.
 11/5/23 Becoming a parent
 11/12/23 Expressions of sexuality
 12/3/23 Communication in relationships
 12/10/23 Intimacy, Masturbation and Lovemaking
 12/17/23 Recognizing Unhealthy Relationships
 1/7/24 Reproductive Rights
 1/21/24 Power and Control
 2/4/24 Equality

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 OWL@uucy.org

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Required Parent Meeting 9/17/23
 11:15 am in Carriage House

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

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:
[DONATE](#)

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.
September 23

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00
p.m.
September 10

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. -
7:30 p.m.
September 20

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12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

September 16

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and activities!

The Silver Triangle

Coming soon, sign up for our new support group for LGBTQIA+ adults age 50+ at:

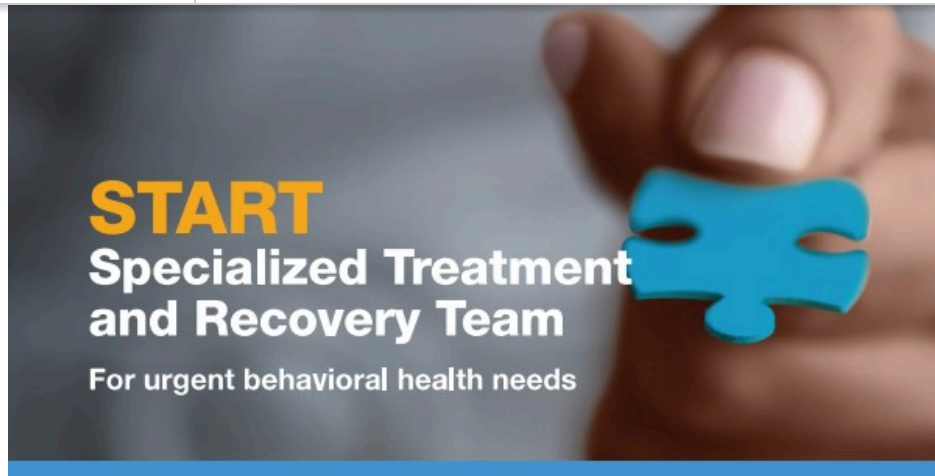
[Silver Triangle Signup](#)

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.



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!

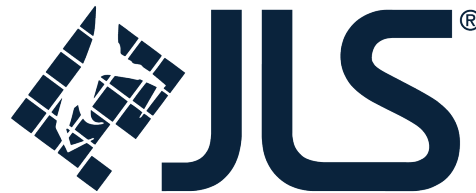
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the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves. And it allows for creative solutions necessary to allow all York County individuals to feel safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

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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!

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Current Preferred Partners include:

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York
Union Lutheran Church
DreamWrights Center for the Community Arts
The Cantina
White Rose Bar & Grill
The Left Bank Restaurant & Bar
The Handsome Cab
YWCA York
Dover United Church of Christ
Kinetic Kreations
Fresh Start Law
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If you are part of an organization or business that would be interested in becoming a Preferred Partner, please visit our website at

<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 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 1-800-QUIT-NOW or contact the Rainbow Rose Center Programs Committee at: programs@rainbowrosecenter.org

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

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