



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

April 3, 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.

Message from the President

Diversity matters, and it deserves celebration as well as protection. For the past several months, our community has faced numerous barriers and hardships, simply for existing.

Currently in 2023, the American Civil Liberties Union is tracking 435 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills in the United States. By and large the majority of those bills seek to restrict transgender and gender diverse individuals. That's at the state level - just as important are the local school board policies being enacted that target our queer youth.

While the outlook seems bleak, we still remain hopeful for a more inclusive future.

and honor of supporting the 13th Annual Keystone Conference. This Celebration of Gender Diversity saw approximately 725 gender diverse people from across the world come together in Harrisburg to learn, to celebrate their identities, and to be in community. We witnessed the generosity of spirit as so many donated time, clothing and accessories, and even money to the Clothing Exchange we ran at the conference. We listened to the rallying speech of young trans activist Kai Shappley, the twice political refugee who has stood up to the Texas State Legislature against their attacks on trans youth. This past week we breathed a sigh of relief as a federal judge temporarily halted Tennessee's anti-drag bill. On Transgender Day of Visibility, rallies were held across the Commonwealth and the country by gender diverse people and those who love them.

We must not give up hope and we must not remain silent - we must act to protect our community, our family, and our friends. Here are a few ways you can help:

- We encourage and implore you to go to your school district's board meetings, even if you do not have children, because our queer youth need support. We must not allow those who would seek to segregate, isolate, and erase our trans youth to have more influence than those who love, affirm, and embrace them.
- We ask you to inform your representatives at every level of government that our voices and our lives matter and we won't be forced back into the closet, nor will we be erased from public life.
- We invite you to come join us at local school diversity events and at community events this month and to wear your Pride colors proudly.

In solidarity and service,

Tesla Taliaferro

Where to Find Us in April



Kennard-Dale Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) and Career Fair

Thursday, April 6 from 7:45 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.
Kennard-Dale High School
393 Main Street
Fawn Grove, PA 17321

Join the Rainbow Rose Center in supporting.



Trans Stan PA Protest

Wednesday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m.
393 Main Street
York, PA 17401

On March 8, a conservative group spoke in the Rotunda at the State Capital about De-Transition Awareness Day to be observed on March 12. They gave information that was misleading and skewed to further their agenda to take away the healthcare needed for Trans Individuals. After watching the news coverage, Dannie Hawkes aka Jada Sparxxx decided that on April 12th they were going to take to the Square of York and protest these types of

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... happening... your friends, family members and self declared allies on April 12th to stand with you for this peaceful protest. For more information, visit: [Trans Stan PA Protest](#).



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
 1490 Roths Church Road
 Spring Grove, PA 17362

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](#).



Bell's Big Red Race

Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 East King Street, Royal Square District between S. Duke &
 S. Queen Streets
 York, PA 17401

Big Red Race on April 15, brought to you by Bell Socialization Services! Come cheer our team as we compete head to head to make a bed! Proceeds from the Bed Race benefit the emergency, transitional, supported, and residential housing programs of Bell Socialization Services, helping to provide a safe, stable place to sleep for our York County neighbors living with mental illness, intellectual/developmental disability, and experiencing homelessness. For more information, visit: [Bell's Big Red Race](#).



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Fair Housing Month Summit: Pink Rose Panel

Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rivertown Pride Center

324 Walnut Street

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>.

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Fang Around the Cauldron - Witches Night!

Saturday, April 29 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Royal Square District

York, PA 17401

Save the date for South Central Pennsylvania's premier Alternative Block Party, brought to you by The Dark Parlour, Downtown York, and the Royal Square District. This second annual celebration of witches features band and DJ performances, performer entertainment, and special appearances, with over 100 vendors, diviners, educators, and participating Royal Square District merchants, restaurants, and galleries! Vendors can be found between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., but stay for more entertainment until 10:00 p.m.! For more information, including a full list of band, DJ, and other entertainment, visit: [Fang Around the Cauldron 2023](#).

Save the Date



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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.



Friday, May 5, 2023

The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to join Northeastern High School for their Diversity Day! If you're a student, or have a student at Northeastern High School, please stop by and visit us to learn more about our organization and how we support the community.



Mental Health Awareness Day, A Day in the Park

Saturday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

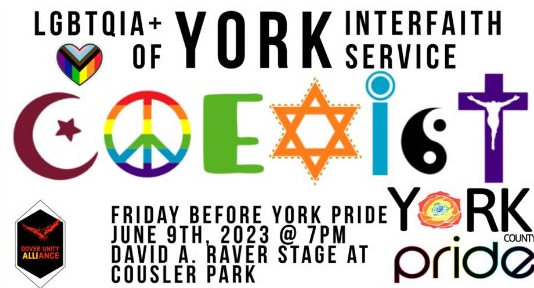
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400 Mundis Race Road

York, PA 17406

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Human Services Department is hosting a Day in the Park! Come join the Rainbow Rose Center for this free, fun for all ages event, including music, entertainment, games, wellness vendors, and emergency vehicles. Food trucks will be available to purchase food and treats throughout the day.



LGBTQIA+ of York Interfaith Service

Friday, June 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cousler Park

1060 Church Road

York, PA 17404

The Dover Unity Alliance would like to invite you to join them at David A. Raver Stage at Cousler Park the Friday before York County Pride as we gather together with one voice across faiths to celebrate Pride and Alliance with our members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Through this fellowship, we hope to gain new insight. For more information, visit: [York Interfaith Service](#).



York County Pride 2023

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

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.



York Revolution - Pride at the Ballpark
Saturday, June 15, game starts at 6:30 p.m.
5 Brooks Robinson Way
York, PA 17401

Join the Rainbow Rose Center for Pride Night at the ballpark! 50% off of all tickets purchased [HERE](#) will be donated to the Rainbow Rose Center!

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](#).

More Events to Come!

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 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.

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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.
April 22, May 27

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

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

ON HIATUS - Until further notice, this group is on hold as we actively work on finding new folks to lead the meeting! If you are a QTPOC, please take a few moments to answer this brief revitalization survey:
[QTPOC Support Group Survey](#)

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

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7:30 p.m.

April 19, May 17

All Adult Identities Group

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and 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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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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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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