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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

Happy New Year!

The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to enhance our services and programs in the new year. To that effort, we are honored to introduce one of our newest Board Members:

My name is Jennifer PageWise and I am so thrilled to be joining the board of Rainbow Rose Center as the new Program Committee Chair. I have a personal mission in life to help others and I have not had the opportunity to help the LGBTQIA+ community in this way. I live in this community and am part of this community so it feels like home to me. I have spent the last several years working as a relationship coach with the LGBTQIA+ community, and through that work have known that it was important because our community faces many barriers to services. Serving the community is exactly what I have been looking for and am excited for this opportunity. It is my hope to enhance the current programs and create new programs based on the community's need. I am looking forward to getting to know members of the community to identify needs in the area so please send me an email if you would like to chat about your ideas.

We will also be looking for people to moderate groups in the future so please reach out to me at jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org if you might be interested!

Love & Light,



Jennifer PageWise
(She/Her)
Programs Committee Chair

Click the button below to check out our meeting list, date, and time offerings. If you'd like to participate in a meeting by joining each group's mailing list and fill out the intake form to receive instructions on how to join the meeting.

[Meeting Info & Signup](#)

Organizational Announcements!

Youth Program Survey (The Curve)

The Rainbow Rose Center is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to the well-being and empowerment of our LGBTQIA+ youth. Starting January 2024, we are taking on The Curve program from Planned Parenthood Keystone, recognizing the critical importance of supporting our queer youth during times when they are politically targeted.

Please help the Rainbow Rose Center by completing this brief survey so we can be sure that the programming we offer for York County youth meets your needs and continues to provide a safe and supportive environment for youth from across the county to come together.

[Survey Link](#)

Committee and Board Opportunities!

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

Fundraising Committee - The Fundraising Committee is looking for new committee members to help raise money for the RRC, create new fundraising ideas, make introductions to prospective financial supporters, and tell your story to potential sponsors.

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

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

We're Hiring!

We are thrilled to announce that we will reach another major milestone this new year - the hiring of our first dedicated staff members. This marks a pivotal moment in our journey, symbolizing growth, resilience, and our unwavering commitment to serving York County's LGBTQIA+ Community. We are excited to embark on this new chapter, confident that it will be undeniably effective in allowing us to channel more time and energy into the growth, impact, and outreach of the Rainbow Rose Center.

[Job Opportunities](#)

Rainbow Rose Center Health Note

The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to announce our monthly Health Note spotlighting a healthy living topic of importance to the LGBTQIA+ community.

January is National Blood Donor Awareness Month! Read more by clicking the button below.

[Health Note](#)

Program Schedule

The Rainbow Rose Center offers several programs, meetings, and support groups both virtually and in person. Safety is our utmost priority for all virtual support group meetings, so we do not publish meeting link details publicly.

To check out the current dates and times of our meeting offerings, click on the Calendar button below.

[Calendar](#)

York County Pride Vendor Application Open!



York County Pride 2024
Saturday, June 22 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
York Fairgrounds
334 Carlisle Ave
York, PA 17404

[Vendor Application](#)

Community News!

New Play Comes to York



At the end of May, just in time for Pride Month, a brand new play by New York playwright Reggie Barton will premiere at York's Belmont Theatre.

The play, *Bridge*, centers on four women who play cards together regularly, and the result when one of them reveals she is trans.

Those interested in trying out for the role, or who want to learn more about the play, click below.

[Read More about Bridge Here](#)

I'm Fine. Masks Exhibit

The [I'm Fine. Project](#), which Rainbow Rose Center and York County LGBTQIA+ Community Members participated in last year, will be displaying masks at the Susquehanna Art Museum February 10 - May 19th. Learn more at lmfine.info@gmail.com



Pennie Health Enrollment

Are you seeking health insurance coverage?
 Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2023 - January 19, 2024

Need help enrolling in Pennie or considering your options?
 Our Pennie Assistors will be available to provide on-site enrollment

The [2022 Pennsylvania LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment](#) found that 1 in 20 respondents had no health care coverage. Financial security is another area of imbalance that affects the health of LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Rainbow Rose Center is hosting three open enrollment opportunities this month at our office.

Learn More About Enrollment Opportunities at our Office!

New OWL Classes

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York is facilitating 5th/6th grade Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes. Check out the flyer below for more information or contact owl@uucy.org

**Curious about
5th/6th grade OWL?**

Join us for our Caregiver/Child Orientation to learn more about what OWL at UUCY has to offer!

SUNDAY JANUARY 21
 UUCY Carriage House

11:15-12:15
 More info/questions
owl@uucy.org

CLASSES, 11:15-12:30

- 2/4 Sexuality and Values
- 2/11 Images in Popular Culture
- 2/25 Body Image
- 3/3 Changes of Puberty
- 3/10 Gender
- 3/24 Feelings and Attractions
- 4/7 Reproduction and Health
- 4/14 Decisions and Actions
- 4/21 Consent & Peer Pressure
- 5/5 Healthy Relationships

OWL (Our Whole Lives) provides accurate, secular, developmentally appropriate information about topics including relationships, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, and sexual health.

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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