
50 LGBTQ+ ORGANIZATIONS IN 50 US STATES

Examples of groups promoting community participation



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This document lists one community organization from each of the 50 US states that promote community participation.

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Introduction

At the Temple University Collaborative, we recognize the power of community and connecting with others! For individuals with mental health conditions, social connections and engagement in the community are important tools for improving health and supporting one's recovery. One way to connect with the community is to engage with people who share your identity. Across the United States, LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Queer,¹+) organizations work tirelessly to promote community participation, advocacy, and support for individuals of all identities. Their services are especially critical given that LGBTQ individuals face higher rates of stigmatization and family rejection than their peers. A 2023 survey of LGBTQ+ young adults found that they were twice as likely to report not being close with their immediate family members as compared to non-LGBTQ+ young adults.²

Given that these individuals are less likely to have a supportive family community, organizations dedicated to queer inclusion serve as essential safe spaces and means of connecting to supportive chosen family, which has positive outcomes for mental health. In fact, a 2022 study found that for queer individuals, involvement in LGBTQ community was associated with lower levels of loneliness and served as a protective factor against the negative impacts of marginalization.³ Recognizing the critical role of community support, this list highlights one LGBTQ+ community organization from each state, showcasing their efforts to foster inclusivity, provide essential resources, and create welcoming and fun social spaces. From pride events to legislative advocacy and mental health support, these organizations play a crucial role in bringing people together and strengthening communities across the country.

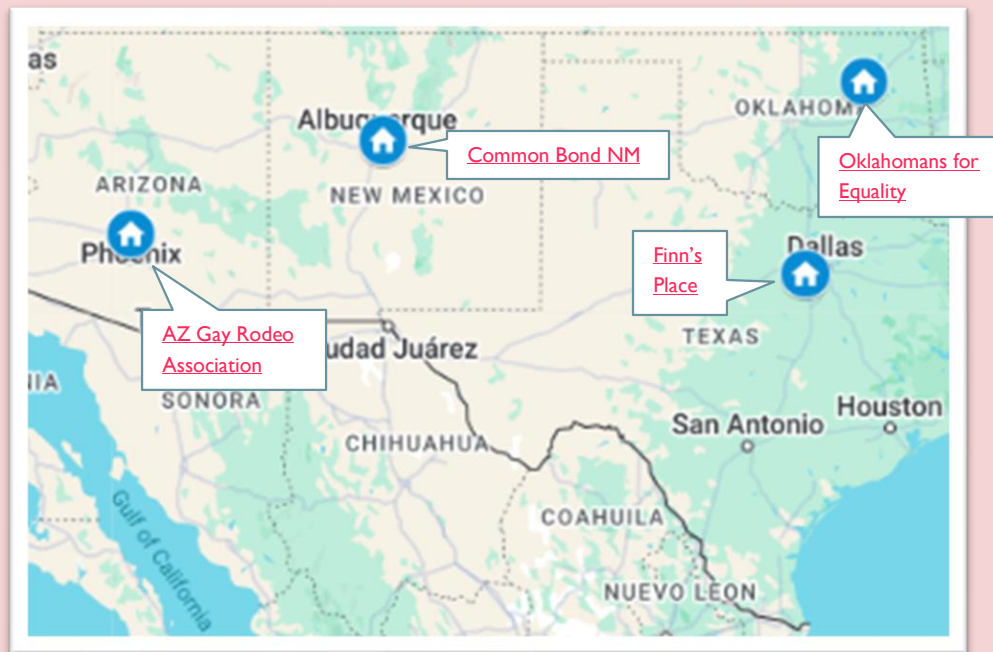
The list is broken down into 5 regional maps and subsequent brief descriptions of the highlighted organizations. You can also [access the full map here](#). The names of each organization below are linked to their website. For additional resources, check out [CenterLink's website](#) for a more extensive list of LGBTQ centers and organization.

¹ A note on the inclusion of the word 'queer': while the term has carried pejorative connotations in the past, members of the LGBTQ+ community and academic circles are moving to reclaim the word as an umbrella term describing sexual orientations and gender identities that are not exclusively heterosexual or cisgender.

² Milsom, R. (2021). Growing Up LGBTQ+ [Review of *Growing Up LGBTQ+*]. In *justlikeus.org* (pp. 11–13). Just Like Us. <https://justlikeus.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Just-Like-Us-2021-report-Growing-Up-LGBT.pdf>

³ Elmer, E.M., van Tilburg, T. & Fokkema, T. Minority Stress and Loneliness in a Global Sample of Sexual Minority Adults: The Roles of Social Anxiety, Social Inhibition, and Community Involvement. *Arch Sex Behav* **51**, 2269–2298 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-021-02132-3>

SOUTHWEST



ARIZONA: Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (Laveen)

This volunteer group's main event is their annual gay rodeo to benefit local LGBTQ+ charities, but they also host both fundraising and free events throughout the year which gather the LGBTQ+ community for good old-fashioned rodeo mania infused with the spirit of pride.

Selected events: Throwdown at the Hoedown Cornhole Tournament, WrestleDrag Rodeo Rumble

NEW MEXICO: Common Bond New Mexico (Albuquerque)

Common bond's central initiative is the U-21 Youth Program, which has provided social programming and a welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ youth for over 30 years. Beyond youth support, Common Bond facilitates the HIV Emergency Project, addressing the basic needs of low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS by alleviating financial hardships. In 2023, the project distributed over \$111,000 to New Mexicans in need.

Selected events: Dungeons & Dragons, Coffeehouse, Zine Night

TEXAS: Finn's Place (Fort Worth)

Named in honor of Finn Spicer, a trans teenager who inspired others to embrace their true selves, Finn's Place is committed to trans joy, which they describe as "when a trans person feels safe in their body, their identity is respected, and they have access to a supportive community." The space hosts community events and offers free access to nonprofits and groups that serve the trans community.

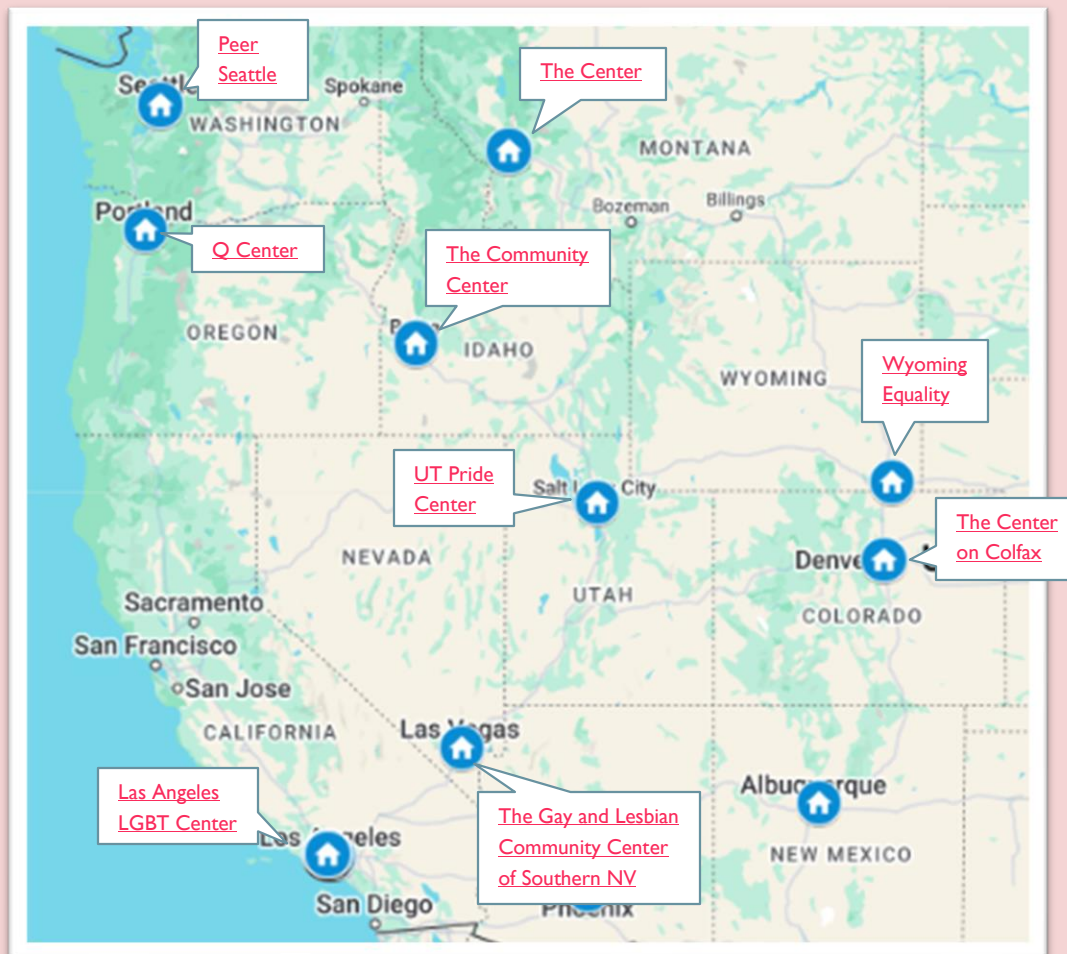
Selected events: Self-defense Class, Bracelet Making, Writing Group

OKLAHOMA: [Oklahomans for Equality \(Tulsa\)](#)

Hosts social events, educational programs, counseling services, and operates the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center to foster community engagement and inclusivity. The organization hosts the annual Tulsa Pride Parade and Festival, one of the largest pride events in the region.

Selected events: Pride Bingo, Equality Gala, First Thursday Art Shows

WEST



COLORADO: The Center on Colfax (Denver)

“An LGBTQ+ community center that hosts inclusive programming, fosters friendships, and leverages the collective strengths of our community.” The center hosts a wide variety of weekly programming from support groups (including disability, mental health, and youth targeted programs) to fitness classes and pride events. They also manage the Terry Mangan Memorial Library, a free lending library with over 2,000 LGBTQ+ books, journals, and magazines.

Selected events: LGBTQ+ Job Fairs, The Center’s Got Talent, Stitch and B*tch Crafting Group

WYOMING: Wyoming Equality (Cheyenne)

“Building broad and inclusive communities, shifting the hearts and minds of our neighbors, and achieving policy victories.” Established in 1987, Wyoming Equality began by organizing annual camping trips called Rendezvous to create safe and welcoming spaces for LGBTQ+ individuals. Over time, the organization expanded its mission to include advocacy, education, and community-building efforts, and now sponsors initiatives related to inclusive schooling and healthcare access.

Selected events: Drag Queen Bingo, Rendezvous—A 5-day LGBTQ Campout, Annual Talent Show Gala

MONTANA: [The Center \(Missoula\)](#)

The center hosts ten community groups that serve various segments of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies, including Chronic (for disabled and chronically ill individuals), Colour My World (for BIPOC LGBTQ+ individuals), and OUTdoor (Western Montana's premier LGBTQ+ outdoor community). In addition, the center offers social programming for youth, educational sessions for allies, and advocacy services for victims of crime.

Selected events: Queer Prom, Children's Story Hour, Teen Clothing Swap

IDAHO: [The Community Center \(Boise\)](#)

The Community Center is Boise's longest-standing LGBTQIA+ organization, dedicated to supporting the community through educational programs and resources. They feature a lending library with over 3,600 items and maintain an up-to-date referral directory for medical, counseling, and legal assistance, ensuring that LGBTQIA+ individuals have access to essential services. They also provide a safe space for queer individuals to relax and socialize via their varied social calendar and welcoming event space.

Selected events: Underground Cinema Night, Lego Lovers Lounge, LGBTQ AA Meetings

UTAH: [Utah Pride Center \(Salt Lake City\)](#)

Serving as a beacon of support and advocacy in a historically conservative state, the center offers essential mental health services, educational programs, and social support groups to the LGBTQ community. They host specialized resources like youth and family counseling, a suicide prevention hotline, and senior programs to support queer individuals across all life stages. The center is also a social hub known for organizing 10+ weekly groups and activities that consistently bring LGBTQ folks together.

Selected events: Drag Karaoke, Youth D&D Night, Queer History Fireside Chat

NEVADA: [The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada \(Las Vegas\)](#)

“The Center brings together programs, resources, and services to meet the needs of our community and the community around us. We function as the heart and home of the LGBTQIA+ community by making connections, delivering programs, and providing a safe space for health and wellness, social services, arts and culture, advocacy, and community building.”

The Center sponsors a number of programs such as ACT III for seniors aged 50 and above, Identi-T for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, and QVolution for youth aged 13 to 24.

Selected events: Linkage to Care, Somos Unidos, Feisty Friday Lesbian Potluck Society

CALIFORNIA: [Los Angeles LGBT Center](#)

The Los Angeles LGBT Center is the world's largest provider of services and programs for LGBTQ+ individuals, with nearly 800 team members that served over 500,000 visitors in 2022. Their tremendous list of offerings includes support related to health, social services, housing, legal services, education, leadership, and advocacy. The center encompasses ten facilities throughout Los Angeles that include the Renberg Theatre, Advocate & Gochis Galleries, Trans Wellness Center, Liberation Coffee house, Youth Center, and Trans Wellness Center. Between all locations, the center hosts hundreds of events a month open to LGBTQ individuals and their allies.

Selected events: Farmer's Market, Drop-in Case Management, Jiu-Jitsu

OREGON: [Q Center \(Portland\)](#)

“The Q Center celebrates the 2SLGBTQIA+ community by building equitable structures to foster intersectional safety, joy, mutual aid, and holistic wealth throughout the state of Oregon.” The center hosts 20 peer-led community groups that meet weekly and are based around a diverse group of identities and lived experiences.

Selected events: Trans Fem Support Group, Grupo LGBTQ En Español, Ballroom Dance Open Sessions

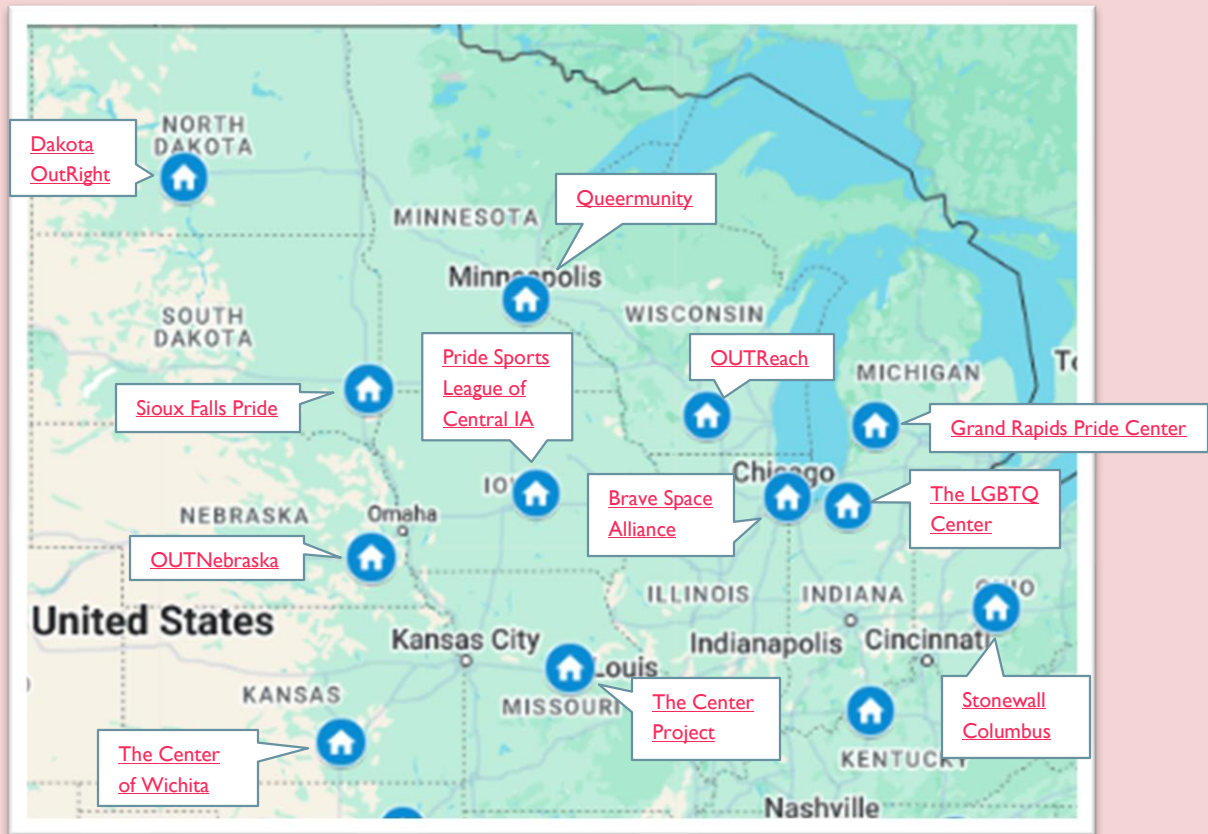
WASHINGTON: [Peer Seattle](#)

A peer-led organization dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ individuals in recovery from mental health issues, addiction, and HIV. Their services include peer coaching, support groups, and housing assistance, all based in a philosophy of mutual aid and lived experience. They also offer specialized programs for LGBTQ+ veterans and those navigating trauma recovery. By centering

peer support, Peer Seattle provides a compassionate and judgment-free space where individuals can heal and find community.

Selected events: Queer Movie Night, Harm Reduction Training, Chosen Families in Recovery

MIDWEST



NORTH DAKOTA: [Dakota OutRight \(Bismark\)](#)

OutRight offers community-driven programs that support the interests of its members by facilitating social groups and maintaining a dedication to advocacy. Their flagship event, Capitol Pride, is an annual celebration at the North Dakota State Capitol featuring live performances, vendors, and art. What sets Dakota OutRight apart is its focus on rural LGBTQ+ visibility and its commitment to creating affirming spaces in a state with limited queer resources.

Selected events: Queerly Reading Book Club, Queerly Cinema Movie Club, QSpace Social Support Group

SOUTH DAKOTA: [Sioux Falls Pride](#)

Sioux Falls Pride has been organizing an annual pride celebration since 2000, and in 2019, they hosted the state's first official Pride parade. Since then, they have continued to host one of the only yearly Pride celebrations in South Dakota each June. Thousands of attendees gather each

year to celebrate the joy and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community, with the festivities now expanding into a multi-day event known as Pride Week.

NEBRASKA: [OutNebraska \(Lincoln\)](#)

OutNebraska is a statewide organization with a focus on promoting civic engagement, strengthening the local LGBT community through social events, and providing inclusivity training to educate individuals on creating supportive environments. With peer support groups, educational workshops, and volunteer opportunities, the organization supports individuals to live authentically while advocating for a more equitable state.

Selected events: Queer Climbers Club, Prairie Pride Film Festival, Classy Tacky Ball

KANSAS: [The Center of Wichita](#)

“The Center of Wichita’s current focus is securing resources and educational opportunities for Wichita’s LGBTQ+ community. We have a central meeting place for people and organizations interested in LGBTQ+ awareness, we are continuing to grow an LGBTQ+ library and have literature and contact information for other LGBTQ+ organizations throughout the city and state. We hope to continually expand to make available many more resources for all of our community.”

Selected events: Q-family Connections, Get Connected Youth Group

MINNESOTA: [Queermunity \(Minneapolis\)](#)

Queermunity, a self-described “resource center and social club” features a full-service café with a seasonally rotating and locally sourced menu, an inclusive coworking space, and a diverse array of community-led programs and events. Their mission is to cultivate joy, connection, collaboration, and a place to gather on a regular basis that extends “beyond moments of grief, such as rallies, vigils, or pride events”.

Selected events: Puzzles & Beats, Spectrum Cinema, AfroYoga

IOWA: [Pride Sports League of Central Iowa](#)

The league offers a variety of sports throughout the year, including indoor volleyball, cycling, dodgeball, basketball and pickleball. Leagues are available for individuals of all skill levels in accordance with their mission of creating an inclusive community. In addition to sports, the league organizes social events such as barbecues and collaborates with local Pride festivals.

Selected events: Winter Indoor Walking Club, Spring Tennis Club, Summer Kickball League, Fall Pickleball League

MISSOURI: [The Center Project \(Columbia\)](#)

“Our Mission is to provide a safe, affirming space to learn, grow, build community, and access support and resources. We provide community resources, like a curated library, a gender affirming healthcare provider list, a closet with free clothing for LGBTQIA+ folks in need, and supportive programming and activities for LGBTQIA+ youth, parents, and transgender and non-binary adults. We also provide resources to improve the well-being of LGBTQIA+ people in Missouri through inclusivity education, community outreach, and collaborative partnerships with other groups doing equity and justice work.”

Selected events: Physics Club, Coffee with Queers Brunch, Postcards and Pastries

ILLINOIS: [Brave Space Alliance \(Chicago\)](#)

Brave Space Alliance is the first Black-led, trans-led LGBTQ+ center on Chicago's South Side. Their mission is to provide culturally competent services for the LGBTQ+ community and empower queer and trans individuals of color through mutual aid and community-sourced resources. BSA offers a range of programs, including the Dignity Suite, “a free initiative that centers the needs of the trans and LGBTQ+ community, BIPOC sex workers, and folks who have been historically ‘othered’”. While BIPOC folks are centered, it is open to all. The Dignity Suite is a culmination of the makeup room, den, and QT Shop.”

Selected events: Fluidity (non-binary support group), Boi Talk (trans men/masculine support & social group)

WISCONSIN: [OUTReach \(Madison\)](#)

Outreach's services include anti-violence resources, arts and culture programs, community meeting spaces, and educational initiatives. The organization also hosts the annual OutReach Magic Festival, a pride celebration featuring queer-identifying performers, a variety of vendors, and family-friendly activities. Finally, the center also provides programs like peer-led support groups, transgender services, twelve-step programs, and older adult social groups.

Selected events: Chip in Fore the Community (golfing fundraiser), Trans Joy!, Magic Pride Festival

MICHIGAN: [Grand Rapids Pride Center](#)

GRPC offers a Health Equity Program, ensuring access to barrier and stigma-free healthcare and a therapy assistance program, which helps cover the cost of mental health services. With over 15 community groups, GRPC creates social and supportive spaces for various

identities, including BIPOC, transgender, and youth-focused support. Additionally, the center hosts the annual PRISM Awards, celebrating individuals and organizations that uplift the local LGBTQ+ community.

Selected events: Grand Rapids Pride, TRANScendence, Cheers, Queers! Happy Hour

INDIANA: [The LGBTQ Center \(South Bend\)](#)

“The LGBTQ Center is Northern Indiana's only Center dedicated to the promotion of LGBTQ+ experiences and inclusivity. Our purpose is to see a community where every individual is valued, respected, and empowered.” They also maintain The Rainbow Locker, which supplies both gender-affirming clothing and menstrual products free of charge.

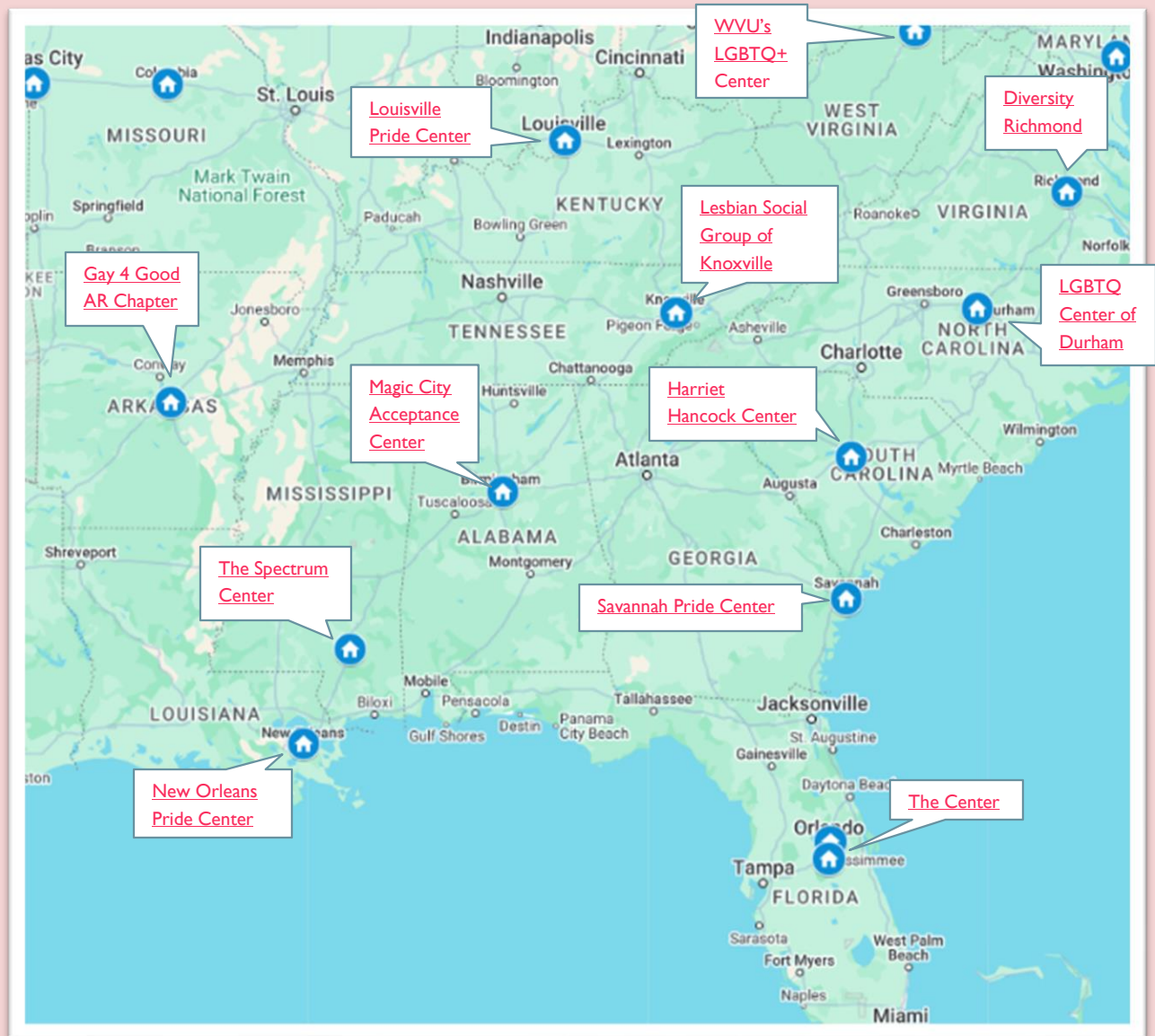
Selected events: Outdoor Club, Pride Run Club, Youth Drop-In Fridays

OHIO: [Stonewall Columbus](#)

Stonewall Columbus has been a force for LGBTQ+ advocacy, community building, and empowerment in central Ohio since 1981. The organization operates the Stonewall Columbus Community Center, a lively gathering space offering wellness programs, professional development workshops, and peer-led support groups. They also host the annual Columbus Pride Festival & March which draws hundreds of thousands of attendees each year.

Selected Events: Trans Taco Tuesday, Ballroom Dance Classes, Sip & Pitch Fridays

SOUTHEAST



ARKANSAS: [Gay 4 Good Arkansas Chapter](#)

“Mobilizes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) and ally volunteers to promote diversity, foster inclusion and strengthen ties to the broader Arkansas community. We facilitate welcoming, inclusive service projects in support of a wide range of causes throughout Little Rock.”

Selected events: Volunteering events partnered with various charities, including AR Foodbank, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families (AACF), AR PBS, and more

LOUISIANA: [New Orleans Pride Center](#)

The Pride Center is “a permanent, sustainable community center that facilitates a connection-centered, equitable, and joyful existence for LGBTQ2IA+ individuals and communities in New Orleans and the Gulf South.” The facility both hosts their own social events weekly and provides a safe space for other community organizations to hold gatherings and LGBTQ-centric programming.

Selected events: Writing Across the Rainbow Writing Workshop, Intergenerational Game Night, Wellness Wednesdays

MISSISSIPPI: [The Spectrum Center \(Hattiesburg\)](#)

As the first LGBTQ+ center in the state with a physical location, the Spectrum Center offers a range of resources, including free HIV testing, support groups, and social events. The center collaborates with organizations like the AIDS Services Coalition and The Dandelion Project to address the community's “physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.” Through mutual aid funds, the center provides direct financial assistance for housing, utilities, and healthcare needs, including hormone therapy and mental health support.

Selected events: Queer Book Club, 2TIGE Teatime, Pine Belt Pride, Live Music by Local Artists

ALABAMA: [Magic City Acceptance Center \(Birmingham\)](#)

The center focuses organizes both virtual and in-person social events multiple times a week to foster community among LGBTQ+ individuals. Their range of events welcomes all ages, with dedicated groups for youth, adults 21 and over, and those 55 and up.

Selected events: Book Club, Yoga for Every Body, Partner Dancing Classes.

TENNESSEE: [Lesbian Social Group of Knoxville](#)

Since 1997 the LSG has provided a casual community space for lesbians to meet and socialize. The member-driven network allows individuals to establish events based on their interests, and in the past the group has offered activities from campouts and kayaking to potlucks and speed dating.

Selected events: Game night, hikes, cookouts

KENTUCKY: [Louisville Pride Center](#)

The Louisville Pride Center offers a safe and affirming space for the LGBTQ community to gather, access resources, and participate in a myriad of programs. They host a variety of social events such as game nights, film screenings, and community dinners. Additionally, the center collaborates with Dare to Care to operate the only secular food pantry in the area in order to address food insecurity within the community.

Selected events: Paint with Pride, Card Sharks, Video Game Night

WEST VIRGINIA: [West Virginia University's LGBTQ+ Center](#) (Morgantown)

The center not only offers academic and social support to WVU's queer students, but runs several programs, services, and resources accessible to the larger LGBTQ community of the state. They maintain a robust calendar of educational and social events, facilitate Bi-monthly SOGIE 101 (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression) trainings, and coordinate LGBTQ+ related research opportunities.

Selected events: Neurodiversity Night, Gay-la, Unplugged Workshops

VIRGINIA: [Diversity Richmond](#)

The organization operates Diversity Thrift, a nonprofit store that funds grants for local LGBTQ+ initiatives, and hosts events like Drag Bingo, art exhibitions, and community forums. They also run the Iridian Gallery, one of the few art spaces in the South dedicated exclusively to LGBTQ+ artists.

Selected events: Stonewall Yoga, Community Café, AOG Mobile Food Pantry

NORTH CAROLINA: [LGBTQ Center of Durham](#)

“The LGBTQ Center of Durham commits to centering the experiences of those who are the most marginalized among us. With a history of providing services supplementing this commitment, we continue to strive to set an example for other communities and organizations to prioritize lifting our family up. With Project FAM (supported housing & therapy), LGBTQ+ Youth Center, a re-centered Pride, and other gender inclusive support programs, we are aligned with the promise of serving QTPOC. Our services are open to the entire community and seek to make room for all people.”

Selected events: Name Change Navigation, Voguing for Empowerment, Community Chill

SOUTH CAROLINA: [Harriet Hancock Center \(Columbia\)](#)

"Our on-site programming is peer-led and creates a place for folx to be authentically themselves while navigating the complexities of identity. We also work with community partners to show up and advocate for the rights of not only the LGBTQ+ community, but our allies. We host social events and educational opportunities to serve an ever-growing community. Our youth-focused events like Queer Prom are hosted through our Youth OUTLOUD program which meets twice a month. We have a variety of groups for those who are 18+ through Queer Collective. We also host open-to-all activities such as workshops, Pop-Up Closet or our First Sunday Supper, which is our oldest event hosted every month."

Selected events: Queer Game Night, Safe Space Dinners, Pages of Pride Book Club

GEORGIA: [Savannah Pride Center](#)

The center provides free HIV testing, support groups, and social events. They also operate a handful of larger scale events including the annual Savannah Pride Festival, and, in March 2025, the center will host its inaugural Savannah LGBTQIA+ Health Summit, addressing critical topics like transgender healthcare, housing disparities, HIV prevention, and queer mental health.

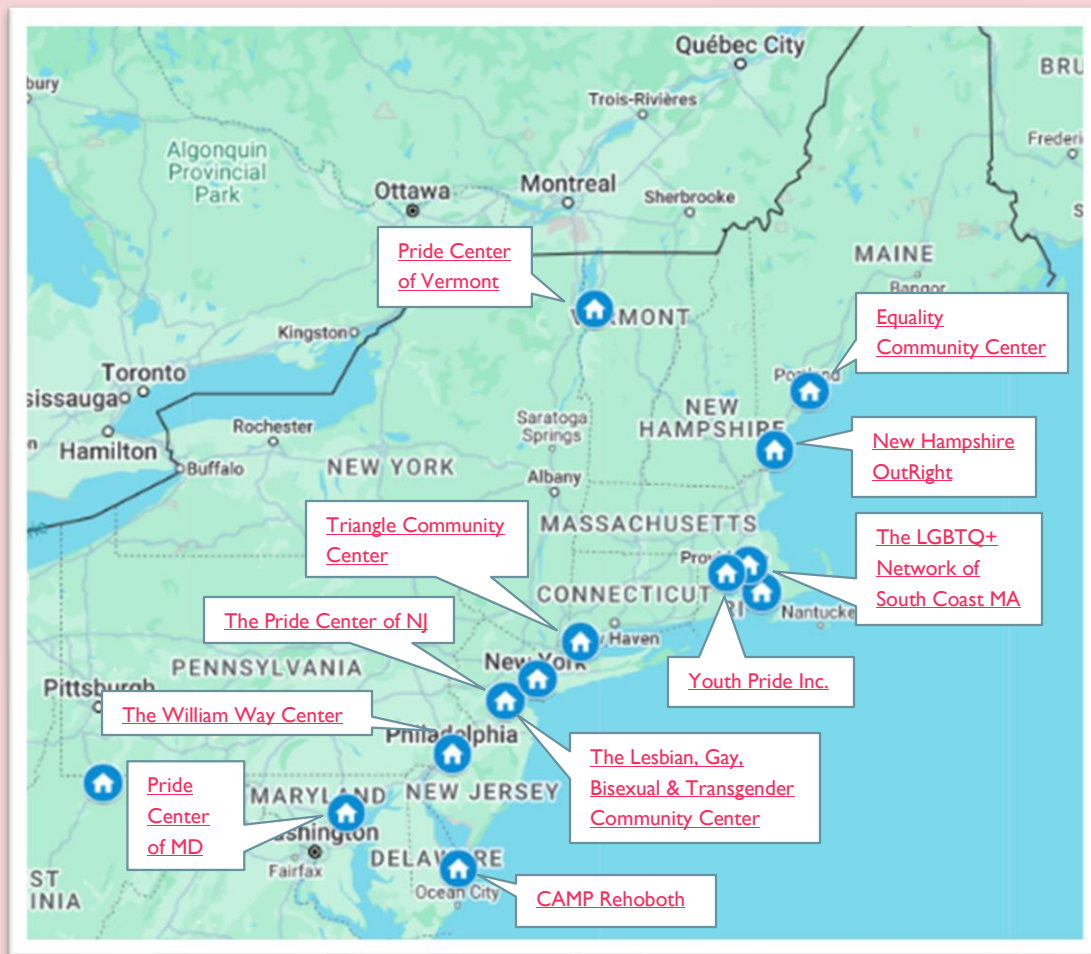
Selected events: Savannah Pride Vogue Ball, Queer Job Fair, LGBTQIA+ Health Summit

FLORIDA: [The Center \(Orlando, Kissimmee\)](#)

The Center operates two testing centers and one community center to provide accessible services for the LGBTQ+ community of the greater Orlando area. Their testing centers offer a comprehensive list of services including HIV and STI testing, mental health counseling, harm reduction efforts, and emergency contraception. The Center's main hub, the community center, hosts multiple weekly support and social groups and operates the Pride Pantry, providing essential food supplies to those in need.

Selected events: Poker league, Fitness classes, Transgender Peer Network

NORTHEAST



MAINE: Equality Community Center (Portland)

“We believe that achieving equality and equity requires visibility and access. We aim to be the first point of contact for people seeking resources, services, and programs; by offering co-working space for collaboration, and rental space for community events and gatherings; by being an incubator for creativity and solutions; and by providing affordable rental housing to our community. The ECC houses LGBTQ+ and allied justice-seeking organizations together under one roof. It’s an incubator for ideas and creativity, for bold dreams and coffee-cup conversations, a seedbed for connections, coalitions, and camaraderie—all made possible when we unite different cultural and social organizations.”

Selected events: Lavendar Choir, Queer and Trans Ecstatic Dance, Queercovery

VERMONT: Pride Center of Vermont (Burlington)

The center is Vermont's leading LGBTQ+ advocacy and support organization, offering a wide range of services to connect Vermont's queer community. They provide vital health and wellness programs, including HIV prevention and transgender health navigation, as well as social support groups for youth, elders, and rural LGBTQ+ individuals. The center is also the driving force behind Vermont Pride Festival & Parade.

Selected events: Trans Café, Gay Volleyball League, Pride Ski

NEW HAMPSHIRE: [New Hampshire Outright \(Portsmouth\)](#)

"Through educational programs, annual Pride celebrations, and youth/parent support groups, our mission has always been to create a safe space for youth to explore the topics of gender and sexuality in a welcoming and understanding environment. Above all else, Seacoast Outright strives to protect and foster community, empathy, and security. From 1993 to today, we have always known the importance of supporting those who need it most, and we hope to go forward to build a brighter future where everyone is understood, valued, and protected."

Selected events: Little Outrighters Group (grades K-5), Parent/Caregiver Support Group, Health Workshops

MASSACHUSETTS: [The LGBTQ+ Network of South Coast Massachusetts](#)

The network is made up of three facilities: Fall River Community Resource Center, and the Taunton Community Resource Center, and the in-progress New Bedford Meeting Space, which is on track to open in 2025. Together, the network stands as a central hub for support services, social events, and community gatherings.

Selected events: Senior Bowling Night, Trans Parenting Caregiver Group, DATMA Pride Art Exhibition Project

CONNECTICUT: [Triangle Community Center \(Norwalk\)](#)

TCC runs more than two dozen free groups that meet regularly, including peer support, recovery, older adult daytime programming, crafts, sober social events, and youth groups. In addition to its groups, TCC provides inclusive and affirming case management and mental health counseling services and assists members with social services, housing and healthcare navigation, document updates, and nutritional assistance.

Selected events: Community Dinner, WAG: Wednesday Activism Group, Nerd Night

RHODE ISLAND: [Youth Pride Inc. \(Providence\)](#)

YPI is the only nonprofit organization in Rhode Island specifically dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ youth 24 and under. Serving over 700 people annually with their welcoming drop-in center, YPI provides services such as counseling by licensed clinicians, a basic needs pantry, and various social groups to support a variety of interests and identities. Additionally, they provide housing assistance for individuals aged 18-24 who are experiencing housing instability.

Selected events: Queer Gourmet, Dungeons & Dragons, Comic & Graphic Novel Workshop

NEW YORK: [The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center \(New York City\)](#)

Since 1983, the center has been a critical resource for LGBTQ+ community of New York City, focusing on services to support health, advocacy, and the joy of queer community. It offers a variety of weekly support programs (including more than 10 different 12-step groups) and sponsors New York's only state-licensed LGBTQ-specific substance use treatment program. Additionally, the center operates Center Families which hosts parenting resources and playgroups for children under 8. To support cultural engagement and the arts, they also maintain the Bureau of General Services—Queer Division, an in-house bookstore and cultural center with rotating arts exhibitions.

Selected events: ESL Conversational Program, APIDA Queer, LGBTQIA+ Immigrants United

NEW JERSEY: [The Pride Center of New Jersey \(Highland Park\)](#)

“The mission of Pride Center of New Jersey is to provide a safe and welcoming space for all individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ to find support, educational tools, health and education resources, and social opportunities within a community of acceptance. Comprehensive programming in support of this mission includes lesbian, gay, trans and family resources, social groups and free HIV testing.”

Selected events: Roll for Roleplaying, Out of the Box Open Mic, Late Bloomers (a support group for those coming out later in life)

PENNSYLVANIA: [William Way LGBT Community Center \(Philadelphia\)](#)

“From social groups, networking events, and counseling and support services to art exhibitions and cultural experiences, the Center consistently strives to provide new and innovative programs for the LGBTQIA+ communities throughout Greater Philadelphia.” The center offers peer counseling, trans and senior support groups, and community-building events like "Coffee Talk" and "Tuesday MorningsOut." With art exhibitions, live performances, and the John J.

Wilcox, Jr. Archives preserving LGBTQ+ history, the center serves as a hub for social connection, advocacy, and the arts.

Selected events: Recovery Groups, WayGay Talk Space, MorningsOut: Men's Senior Socials

DELAWARE: [CAMP Rehoboth Community Center \(Rehoboth Beach\)](#)

CAMP (an acronym for "Create A More Positive") Community Center aims to promote cooperation and understanding among all people. Their programming includes health and wellness initiatives, arts and cultural events, and advocacy efforts aimed at building a safer community with room for all. The organization is dedicated to supporting queer art with *Letters*, a monthly magazine that provides news, features, and insights relevant to the LGBTQ+ community and the CAMP Rehoboth Chorus, a group of more than one hundred singers who present musical performances twice a year.

Selected events: Tuesday Tai Chi, LGBTQ+ Bereavement Group, SunFestival, Womens+ Fest

MARYLAND: [The Pride Center of Maryland \(Baltimore\)](#)

The Pride Center of Maryland (PCOM) is the state's oldest LGBTQ organization. PCOM offers over 30 programs and services, including mental health counseling, HIV health services, and support groups tailored to youth, adults, seniors, and families. Their facility, which is open for community use by local organizations, contains a cafeteria, game room, computer lab, free store, and library. In addition, PCOM hosts the annual Baltimore PRIDE celebration, a week-long event featuring the Gala and the King & Queen of Baltimore Pride Pageant.

Selected events: Visibility Ball, Get Fit Sweat Camp, Transcend Trans & Nonbinary Support Group

NON-CONTIGUOUS STATES

ALASKA: Identity, Inc. (Anchorage)

The group mission is “advancing Alaska's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, two-spirited+ community through advocacy, education, health care and connectivity.” Their Identity Health Clinic offers comprehensive healthcare specifically tailored to LGBTQ+ individuals.

Selected events: Q-Club-- a Hangout Space for Teens, A.R.E- Alaska Rainbow Elders.

HAWAII: Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation (Honolulu)

Maintains an inclusive community center with regular events ranging from educational initiative to support groups to relaxed social events. The foundation is dedicated ensuring that their work is “place-based and reflects Kanaka stories, values, and history.” They also coordinate Honolulu pride and the Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival, two of the most prominent LGBTQ events in the state.

Selected events: Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival, Hot Kupuna Nights, LGBTQIA Caregivers Support Group