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## *THE RAINBOW CONNECTION*

**June 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.



It's June, and you know what that means -  
**it's Pride month!**

Here at the Rainbow Rose Center, we have been preparing for quite a while! We are excited to invite all of York County and beyond to York County Pride 2023. This year, Pride will be held

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vendors, sponsors, activities, and entertainment! There will be plenty of good eats and sweet treats from local food trucks and vendors! Remember, Pride is family-friendly, so make sure to bring the kids as there will be lots of fun activities for them to participate in.

Pride will be inside this year, so neither rain nor heat will stop the fun! Entry is free but we want everyone who comes to Pride to feel safe; therefore, we will have top notch security on the premises for everyone's safety along with metal detectors and bag checks. See you there!

In Love, Honor, & Pride,  
Christina Wingert  
Events Committee Chair  
(She/Her)

### **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

For more information, visit: [York County Pride](#)

And Remember:

### **Pride is More than a Celebration**

As we kick off Pride Month today, we must remember that Pride began as a fight for our civil rights. That fight continues today -

- for our right to exist publicly
- for our right to be free from oppression

Today, advocacy comes in many forms, but **we must all - community members and allies** - take steps to ensure our rights are not revoked.



On May 31st, over 100 people expanded their knowledge on how to protect LGBTQIA+ Youth at the standing-room-only **York PA LGBTQIA+ Town Hall**. The Rainbow Rose Center was honored to join The Trevor Project, PFLAG National, and over 30 local and regional co-sponsors to host this event at York College of Pennsylvania's Marketview Arts. The event included a policy update on the current status of conversion therapy bans and practices in the United States, a panel of experts on the subject from both our own York community and the wider Central PA region, and a Q/A session, along with networking opportunities both before and after the event.

The day started with advocacy, with the three event co-hosts and THE VALLEY: For Good Change founder Matthew Jackson meeting with 95th District Representative Carol Hill-Evans, York City Council President Sandie Walker and Member Betsy W. Buckingham, along with Chief of Staff Scott Miller, a City Attorney, and York City Human Relations Commission's Executive Director Clare Twomey and Miguel Soto. Together we discussed the dangers of so-called conversion therapy and why York City should be the first in the South Central PA region to ban such practices. We will continue these conversations, and we hope to see them come to a productive close with a city-wide ban later this year.

now ask you to also tell your legislators to support the Pennsylvania Fairness Act and a bill banning conversion therapy!



**You can help TONIGHT!**

Along with the ACLU PA, the Rainbow Rose Center is asking you to show up this Thursday for transgender students in the Red Lion School District and to let the school board know that trans students belong!

Come **peacefully to rally in support** of the Transgender and all LGBTQIA+ students before the board meeting tonight at **5:30 p.m.** Show these students they are not alone, there is hope, that we as a community embrace their identities, and that we will both fight against injustice and speak on their behalf at the school board meeting.

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The school board will be considering three policies that do the following:

1. Prohibit staff from calling trans students by their chosen names and pronouns.
2. Ban trans students from sports based on their gender identity.
3. Ban trans students from bathrooms and locker rooms based on their gender identity.

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.  
 Red Lion Area School District  
 Education Center  
 696 Delta Rd  
 Red Lion, PA 17356

**Thank You!**



Thank you to everyone who supported the Rainbow Rose Center during Give Local York! Donations from friends

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We had so much happening during Give Local York - here's some of the fun we had:

1. We had a soft opening of our new office! Eighteen people stopped by to say hello and check out the new space. Keep an eye out, we'll be having an official office opening soon.
2. We had a table in Downtown York, where we had the chance to talk to lots of different folks. We know we made meaningful connections with people and had a wonderful time being out in the community.
3. A big thank you to [Head Space Studio](#) for donating Reiki sessions to the Rainbow Rose Center!

Your support of the Rainbow Rose Center helps foster an environment of inclusion, equity, and health where all LGBTQIA+ community members thrive in York County, Pennsylvania. Together, we can achieve an inclusive community where all York County individuals feel safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

Thank you for helping to continue making York County a place where all are welcome!

## PowerON Grant Recipients!



The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to share that we are the proud recipient of the PowerON Community Tech Grant!

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programs for hardware and software, and research opportunities. We are excited to outfit our office with three laptops, two cell phones, two tablets, and a printer. Having this technology at our center, our LGBTQIA+ friends and family will have a way to communicate with family and friends, look for health advice, obtain counseling, seek employment, and much more - all of which helps them feel safe and gives them the ability to get back on their feet.

We look forward to receiving the technology provided by the PowerOn Community Tech Grant and to help connect York County's LGBTQIA+ Community!

To learn more, visit: [www.poweronlgbt.org](http://www.poweronlgbt.org)

## More Places to Find Us in June



### First Friday!

Friday, June 2 - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Downtown York

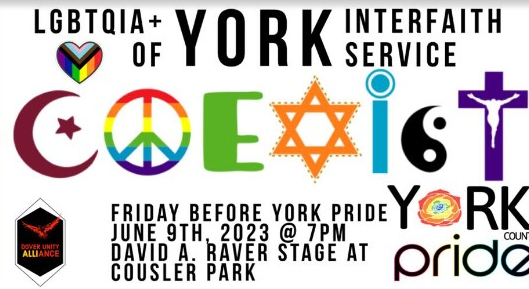
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EVERYONE is invited to attend Downtown York's monthly First Friday in Historically Edgy Downtown York on June 2, 2023, presented by [WellSpan Health](#). First Friday is a celebration of Downtown York, PA shops, restaurants, cultural venues and nightlife hot spots. From 5-9pm, downtown shops and restaurants host special events, offer refreshments and promotions, and sponsor live entertainment. For more information, visit: [First Fridays York](#)

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## 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](#).

**Please Join Us for the 8th Annual**

## **Pride at the Park!**

June 15th



York Revs take on the Lancaster Barnstormers

Get Your Tickets by Scanning the QR Code  
Click the June 15th Link to Benefit the Rainbow Rose Center.



**June 15**

Pride Jerseys  
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- Pre-game Pride Parade at 6PM
- Concourse displays featuring vendors and resources
- Custom York Revolution Pride hat available at team store
- Giveaways and entertainment for all guests
- Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus perform National Anthem
- Players will wear Pride jerseys with auction to benefit Rainbow Rose Center

## **York Revolution - Pride at the Ballpark**

Saturday, June 15, game starts at 6:30 p.m.



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Join the Rainbow Rose Center for Pride Night at the ballpark! 50% off of all tickets purchased via the QR code above will be donated to the Rainbow Rose Center!

*Hanover*  
**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](#).

## **YORK STORY SLAM**

### **York Story Slam**

Tuesday, June 20 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Archetype Pizza  
33 W. Market Street  
York, PA 17401

York Story Slam is a monthly gathering where anyone can

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Love. Join us on June 20 at Archetype Pizza to hear stories about broken hearts, long hot nights, and that summer camp boy/girlfriend who continues to live rent-free in someone's head. Those who wish to share a story will sign up upon arrival that evening.

These events sell out every month, so get your tickets now! Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and stories begin at 7:00 p.m. For more info and to purchase tickets, visit: [York Story Slam](#).

## Other Events We're Excited About



### Drag Storytime Brunch

Sunday, June 11 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Roost Uncommon Kitchen

35 W. Market Street

York, PA 17401

Interested in an afternoon of books + brunch! Introducing Drag Story Time Brunch at Roost Uncommon Kitchen. This family-friendly event promises an afternoon filled with entertainment, laughter, and stories, all brought to you by a talented lineup of multiple performers!

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but are not required! Call (717) 848-6576 to secure your spot or ask any questions.



**Evolution Yoga**  
 Saturday, June 17 - 12:00 p.m.  
 2093 Springwood Road  
 York, PA 17403

Evolution Yoga invites you to come to their Saturday, June 17 noon class dedicated to the Rainbow Rose Center. This class period is donation based, with all proceeds going to the Rainbow Rose Center. For more information, visit: [Evolution Yoga](#) or [Evolution Yoga on FB](#).



**Drag & Variety Night**  
 Friday, June 30 - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
 Skid Row Garage  
 243 W. Market Street  
 York, PA 17401

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Drag and Variety Night at Skid Row Garage in York! Featuring performers ages 13 and up, the event will feature both new and experienced drag and variety performers with all proceeds benefiting the Rainbow Rose Center. Created by local LGBTQIA+ parents wanting to create a safe and inclusive event for both teens and adults, Skid Row Garage's Drag and Variety Night is sure to be a fun and entertaining night! Interested in performing or attending? For more information, email [centralpadragandvariety@gmail.com](mailto:centralpadragandvariety@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook event at [Drag and Variety Night!](#)



Visit the [Cantina](#) and [Aviano's Corner Trattoria](#) in York! Half of every Pride-jito (a fruity mojito of raspberry, orange, lemon, lime, and mint) purchased throughout June will be donated to the Rainbow Rose Center!

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## You Can Quit

The Rainbow Rose Center is committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of our LGBTQIA+ community, and we want to see everyone living prouder and living longer. We are partnering with WellSpan Health to promote their Freedom from Smoking program to help our community quit. The next virtual class starts after Pride Month on 7/11. [Freedom from Smoking Registration](#)

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# LGBT SMOKE FREE

**For help quitting, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW  
or join a WellSpan Health  
Freedom from Tobacco Program**

LGBTQIA+ populations have increased rates of tobacco use,  
while also facing challenges accessing and receiving care





## 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 organization, and we greatly cherish each individual that dedicates time to help our cause.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. -  
10:00 p.m.  
June 24, July 22

### **Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group**

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**

Occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. -  
7:30 p.m.  
June 21, July 19

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activities!

### **The Silver Triangle**

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

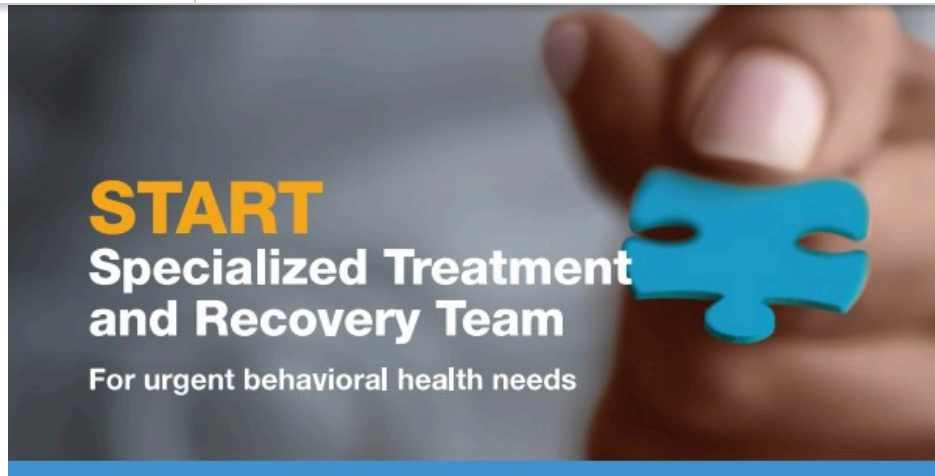
[Silver Triangle Signup](#)

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](http://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!

## 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+

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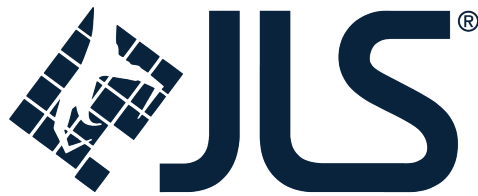
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safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

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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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### **Become a Preferred Partner!**

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](mailto:fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org).

### **Rainbow Rose Center Affiliations**



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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](mailto:programs@rainbowrosecenter.org)

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