



## *THE RAINBOW CONNECTION*

*August 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.

### **Wow!**

This summer is flying by. Thank you again for an amazing Pride Month! It was better than we could have ever hoped. Don't despair as there's more to come this year, like our Homecoming Out Celebration in October, and our Holiday Bazaar in December, as well as numerous volunteer opportunities and ways to engage with the community. We're also very excited to announce the start of the All Identities Adult Social Group in September! We will be kicking off this 18 and older group with a Pizza Party at the Rainbow Rose Center Office on September 16. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter,

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

it.



## 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

To learn more about this group and sign up, visit:  
[Rainbow Rose Center Support Groups.](#)

Stay Kind,

Rainbow Rose Center Board

**There's Still Time to Give Your Feedback  
Here!**



Thank you so much to the over 3,000 participants who came out to York County Pride on June 10 at the York County Fairgrounds! We are asking everyone to provide feedback on what went well, what we can improve upon, and any feedback you wish to convey so we can better future Pride celebrations. Thank you for taking the time to complete the following survey.

For Attendees: [Event Attendee Survey Link](#)

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

survey.

For Performers: [Event Performer Survey Link](#)

For Vendors: [Event Vendor Survey Link](#)

For Sponsors: [Event Sponsor Survey Link](#)



## City of York Council Meeting - Conversion Therapy Ban Ordinance

On July 18, 2023, a new ordinance was presented to the City of York Council requesting that they vote in favor of banning the practice of conversion therapy by licensed professionals in the City of York.

As many of you are aware, "conversion therapy perpetuates health and social inequities for LGBTQIA+ persons" and as such propagates and legitimizes discriminatory practices against the LGBTQIA+ community. More profoundly important, are the dangerous and harmful effects this so called 'modality' has on the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ youth.

The City of York Human Relations Commission invites you to attend the next council meeting on August 15 to offer any comments or testimony in support of the Conversion Therapy Ban Ordinance.

Tuesday, August 15 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

City Hall

101 South George Street

York, PA 17401

Please let your council know how important an affirmative vote is in preserving the mental health and wellbeing of our LGBTQIA youth!

If you would like to be in touch with council directly before

## Pennsylvania Department of Aging Master Plan for Older Adults - Town Hall for LGBTQ+ Communities



The Pennsylvania Department of Aging is offering a Virtual Town Hall for LGBTQIA+ communities for input on the Master Plan for Older Adults. You are invited to contribute what you think should be the plan's priority goals, objectives, and initiatives to support the highest quality of life for older adults. To register for the Virtual Town Hall, visit: [Master Plan for Older Adults Town Hall Registration](#). For more information on the Master Plan for Older Adults, visit: [Pennsylvania Department of Aging](#).

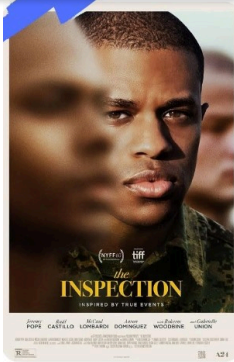
## Where to Find Us in August



Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼



## Come Watch a Movie with Us!

### R/C Hanover Movies 16

*To guarantee a seat, tickets may be purchased at the theater box office or online.*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12** 4:30 PM · RATED R · DRAMA (INDEPENDENT)

**THE INSPECTION.** Elegance Bratton's deeply moving film is inspired by his own story. As a young, gay Black man, rejected by his mother and with few options for his future, he decides to join the Marines. Even as he battles deep-seated prejudice and the grueling routines of basic training, he finds the strength and support that will forever change his life. Starring: Jeremy Pope, Gabrielle Union and Bokeem Woodbine.

Deb Smith, Rainbow Rose Center Secretary, will join us to talk about services and events available to the LGBTQ community in our area.

**The Hanover Film Club** is a group of individuals who enjoy watching and discussing movies. We meet once a month to watch independent, international, cult/classic, and documentary movies. There is no fee, no dues, no membership card. You are a member because you attend one of our screenings.

Thanks to a Welcoming Communities grant from the Cultural Alliance of York County and Main Street Hanover (and in collaboration with R/C Hanover Movies 16), we are able to present four films. In addition, **20 FREE TICKETS** will be distributed at 4 PM on the day of each show (limit one per person).

If you enjoy what we are doing, let us know. If you would like to help fund a future showing, let us know that too! Email: [hanoverpafilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:hanoverpafilmclub@gmail.com)

## Hanover Film Club

Saturday, August 12 - 4:30 p.m.

RC Hanover Movies 16

380 W. Eisenhower Drive

Hanover, PA 17331

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

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. -  
10:00 p.m.  
August 26

### **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.  
August 16

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

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.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

# START

## Specialized Treatment and Recovery Team

For urgent behavioral health needs

**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)

10115 INTELUPRINT 021

**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+



Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼

safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

CHAMPION



LEADERS



ALLIES



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

If you are part of an organization or business that would be interested in becoming an Organizational Sponsor, please reach out to Nate Tile at [fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org).

## 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:**

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

[Appell Center for the Performing Arts](#)  
[Opera Susquehanna](#)  
[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](#)  
[Family First Health](#)  
[Thrivent](#)

### **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**



**KEYSTONE  
BUSINESS  
ALLIANCE**

Proud and Active Member

  
 THE COMMUNITY OF LGBT CENTERS  
 Because Great LGBT Communities  
 Begin With Great LGBT Community Centers  
[www.lgbtcenters.org](http://www.lgbtcenters.org)

  
**Explore  
YORK**

---

The Rainbow Rose Center is a Tobacco Free Organization. All our events are SMOKE FREE as part of our desire for a healthier and longer-lived community! We do not accept sponsorship or vending applications from tobacco, vaping, cigarette, or other similar companies.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

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)

*Join us on Facebook to learn more about Rainbow Rose Center, stay up to date on events and programs, and join the Rainbow Rose community!*  
[www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter](http://www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter).

---

Visit us at [www.rainbowrosecenter.org](http://www.rainbowrosecenter.org).  
Email us at: [info@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:info@rainbowrosecenter.org)  
Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)  
To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:  
P.O. Box 1134  
York, PA 27405

[Subscribe](#)

[Past Issues](#)

[Translate](#) ▼

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.

