

ABOUT US

The **LGBTQ+ Community Center of Darke County** is a volunteer-led 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a Darke County where LGBTQ+ residents and allies feel safe, valued, welcome and heard. Our programs and services are designed to advance equality, foster community connections, and link people with health and wellness programs, community resources, and leadership development opportunities.

MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to empower LGBTQ+ people and their allies in Darke County, OH and surrounding areas to secure and maintain civil and social freedom, inclusion and accessibility(equity) by: Ensuring a safe, accessible and inclusive space for LGBTQ+ people and their allies; Advocating for inclusive policies, laws and institutions; Connecting LGBTQ+ people to health and wellness services; Fostering a sense of community; and Connecting LGBTQ+ people with leadership development opportunities. We envision a Darke County where LGBTQ+ people have full equality, are secure in their safety and well-being, and have the opportunity to authentically be themselves at school, work and in the community-at-large. We envision a Darke County where LGBTQ+ people are welcome and included, and their diversity and contributions are celebrated and acknowledged

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The Center

Located at **5395 S. ST RT 49, Greenville, OH 45331**, the Center is a place in Darke County for LGBTQ+ people and allies to feel safe, welcome and at ease being their authentic selves. Where people can find inspiration, community and feel at home. At the Center, you can connect with community, make a friend, work on a puzzle with someone else or on your own, play a game, read a book, or just have a cup of coffee.

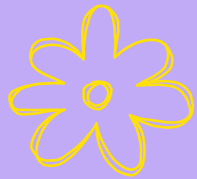
The Center is open for Drop-In on Saturdays from 10:00-3:00, and during scheduled groups, activities and events. Check our website for the latest community calendar.





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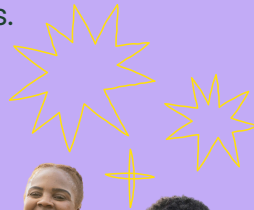
Safe. Valued. Respected. Heard. Our advocacy programs are designed to advance civil and social accessibility, equality and inclusion for LGBTQ+ residents of Darke County. We provide Safe Space Trainings, speak out on important issues impacting LGBTQ+ people, and highlight the contributions of LGBTQ+ advocates and allies through our community awards program.



COMMUNITY

We foster community connections through our signature groups, **LGBTQ+ Peer-to-Peer Connection** and **LGBTQ+ Up All Night**. We also host a variety of independently led LGBTQ+ inclusive and affirming interest groups and activities at the Center.

- **LGBTQ+ Peer-to-Peer Connection (18+)** meets Tuesdays at the Center from 6:00-7:30pm. Connect, chat and find peer support!
- **LGBTQ+ Up All Night** is the Center's weekly late night community connection for LGBTQ+ folks and allies 18+. Held on Fridays from 10:00pm-2:00am, it's a safe place to connect, drink coffee, play games or engage in group activities like karaoke, dancing and more.
- **Other Hosted Groups** - Check out our calendar at www.darkecountypride.org to see the latest listing of LGBTQ+ groups and activities.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Center hosts community health and wellness partners on the **3rd Thursdays of each month from 4:00-7:00pm**. Partners commonly provide free HIV Testing, Hep C testing, links to PrEP and gender affirming care resources, addiction and mental health resources, Narcan, and more.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We're dedicated to building people up and developing future leaders. The Center lists leadership development opportunities for LGBTQ+ community members of all ages. When possible, we work to secure scholarships for Darke County LGBTQ+ residents through or point community members to the right places to apply.

