

# LGBTQ+ in Columbus

Below you will find details and contact information about various LGBTQ organizations in Columbus, and in the central Ohio region in alphabetical order. Please feel free to scroll down for more information, or you can click on our quick reference list to jump to the resource you want. If you know about a community resource not included on this link, please contact us so that we can update our resources.

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## **BQIC (Black Queer & Intersectional Columbus)**

<https://www.facebook.com/blackqueercolumbus/>

We are a coalition of Black queer and trans people working to build a society in which Black LGBTQIA+ people from all backgrounds can thrive. We seek to dismantle racist, transphobic, and homophobic forces through community organizing, education, and creating platforms upon which we can have our voices heard.

## **BRAVO (Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization)**

[www.bravo-ohio.org](http://www.bravo-ohio.org)

BRAVO is your link to survivor advocacy and assistance regarding hate crimes, discrimination, domestic violence and sexual assault. BRAVO is a founding member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP.) Each year, we document incidences of hate crimes and domestic violence, along with similar agencies across the United States. BRAVO is a proud CoSMO Member Agency! Community Shares of Mid-Ohio (CoSMO) is a collaboration of community-based organizations, serving in Central Ohio and beyond.

## **Columbus Gay Men's Chorus**

[www.cgmc.com](http://www.cgmc.com)

The Chorus has been part of the local performing arts scene since 1990. Its repertoire ranges from traditional standards and show tunes to popular favorites and classic choral music. Each year, they present a holiday concert at King Avenue United Methodist Church and spring and summer shows at the Capitol Theatre in the Riffe Center downtown. They also perform at AIDS Walk and Pride Festival. The Chorus's acceptance as a legitimate arts organization in Columbus is evident through its partnerships with other organizations such as Opera Columbus and ProMusica Chamber Orchestra.

## **Columbus Women's Chorus**

[www.colswomenschorus.org](http://www.colswomenschorus.org)

The Columbus Women's Chorus (CWC) is a feminist chorus that celebrates life through the power of music. We perform music created and inspired by the lives and experiences of women from all walks of life. The mission of the Columbus Women's Chorus is to foster excellence and innovation in the performance and presentation of women's music; and, through our community of voices, to entertain and educate our audiences, enrich and enlighten minds and spirits, encourage societal change, and open hearts to diversity.

## **Equality Ohio**

[www.equalityohio.org](http://www.equalityohio.org)

Equality Ohio advocates and educates to achieve fair treatment and equal opportunity for all Ohioans regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity or gender identity or expression. We envision an Ohio where everyone feels at home and where equality, diversity, and inclusiveness are universally valued.

## **Equitas Health Institute for LGBTQ Health Equality**

[www.equitashealthinstitute.com](http://www.equitashealthinstitute.com)

The institute for LGBTQ Health Equity is the education, research and community engagement arm of Equitas Health, focusing on reducing health disparities in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (LGBTQ) community.

Mozaic (Community Program under Equitas)

<http://equitashealth.com/community-programs/mozaic/>

Mozaic is a health and wellness, HIV prevention, and community building initiative for trans & gender non-conforming people of color ages 13-29. Mozaic is a Centers for Disease Control funded grant in the Institute for LGBTQ Health Equity that works closely with Nationwide Children's Hospital, community organizations, and local activists to reduce the disproportionately high rates of HIV that trans and gender non-conforming people of color experience.

## **GLSEN - Columbus (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network)**

<https://www.glsen.org/chapters/columbus>

Nationally, GLSEN works to ensure safe schools for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. The work that chapters do covers a variety of subjects and issues, from public policy to teacher training to supporting students and educators around the country.

## **HRC (Human Right Campaign) Columbus**

[www.hrc.org/columbus](http://www.hrc.org/columbus)

[www.facebook.com/HRC.Columbus](http://www.facebook.com/HRC.Columbus)

HRC Columbus is the local steering committee of the Human Rights Campaign. As the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, the Human Rights Campaign represents a force of more than one million members and supporters nationwide – all committed to making HRC's vision a reality. Founded in 1980, HRC advocates on behalf of LGBT Americans, mobilizes grassroots actions in diverse communities, invests strategically to elect fair-minded individuals to office and educates the public about LGBT issues.

## **Kaleidoscope Youth Center**

[www.kycohoio.org](http://www.kycohoio.org)

Our vision is to promote and support self-confident, healthy, productive lives for LGBTQ youth as they transition from adolescence into adulthood. We stay true to our mission by intentionally partnering with young people to create and implement programs and services that enhance the lives of LGBTQ youth in five core area; (1) Leadership Development & Life Skills, (2) Support, (3) Health & Wellness education, (4) Safe and Social Activities, and (5) Community Outreach and Education. Volunteers must be at least 23 years old.

## **Outlook Media**

[www.outlookmedia.com](http://www.outlookmedia.com)

Outlook: Columbus is a monthly-produced publication with content that contains both locally and nationally focused features with a mix of columns, editorials, arts & entertainment, sports, celebrity interviews and community.

## **PFLAG Columbus**

[www.columbuspflag.com](http://www.columbuspflag.com)

PFLAG promotes the health and wellbeing of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten and ill-formed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides opportunity to dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful to human diversity.

Scarlet & Gay: OSU GLBT Alumni Society [www.scarletandgay.com](http://www.scarletandgay.com)

The Ohio State University Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Alumni Society's promotes the best interests of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender alumni and students of The Ohio State University. The Society sponsors a scholarship program, social events for student and alumni and collaborates with community organizations regularly to promote awareness and education of GLBT issues. There are travel grants, scholarships, and other funding available to support students.

## Stonewall Columbus

[www.stonewallcolumbus.org](http://www.stonewallcolumbus.org)

[www.columbuspride.org](http://www.columbuspride.org)

Stonewall Columbus serves the Central Ohio LGBT community by providing a community center and offering programming and services that enhance the well-being and visibility of our diverse community through discovery, affirmation and celebration. Each program or service presented at the Center on High aligns with at least one of the organization's core values: Health, Diversity, Faith or Art. Stonewall Columbus supports good health in body, mind and spirit. Stonewall Columbus recognizes that the LGBT community is diverse, and it is important to embrace that diversity by making sure that all feel welcome at the center. Our temporary location is 170 W 5th.

## TransOhio

[www.transohio.org](http://www.transohio.org)

TransOhio serves the Ohio transgender and ally communities by providing services, education, support and advocacy which promotes and improves the health, safety and life experiences of the Ohio transgender individual and community.