

# LGBTQ+ Community Resources – Pride 2019

## *Services - Health*

1. **Star Track (120 N. Penn Street, 410-706-6000, M-F 9:30A – 4:30P)**
  - a. Background: to improve the health of youth and young adults in Maryland by providing comprehensive health care; offering youth-friendly health care services, education, and prevention; conducting research, training and education on improving health and reducing HIV transmission; and youth advocacy, especially those living with at at-risk of acquiring HIV and their families
  - b. Services: primary health care; Your Trans Care (YTC), a specialty program for transgender people ages 12 to 21 (includes primary health care, peer support, hormone therapy, counseling, case management, education, trans-affirming gynecological services); family planning; HIV testing; PrEP + HIV prevention; mental health counseling for youth and young adults, specializing in LGBTQ+ and non-monogamous or polyamorous youth

## *Services – Housing*

2. **AIRS – City Steps (1800 N. Charles Street, Suite 700, 410-576-5070)**
  - a. Background: City Steps is group of programs serving youth experiencing homelessness and those who are unstably housed, ages 14-24. All resources with City Steps are LGBTQ+ and youth friendly, and the program was designed to provide services to all youth, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.
  - b. Services: a consortium of housing programs that serve youth experiencing homelessness and those who are unstably housed, specifically designed for youth, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.
3. **St. Ambrose Host Home Program for Homeless Youth (321 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, 410-366-6180, M – F 9A – 5P)**
  - a. Background: Host Home is a network of short-term housing that is supposed to serve as a brief, up-to-90 day, intervention for youth who are experiencing homelessness for reasons including, but not limited to, family conflict, poverty, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation. The goal is to provide a safe and welcome, but temporary, space to allow the young person to remedy relationships and regain stability. The St. Ambrose Host Home Program for Homeless Youth is done in collaboration with the YES Drop-In Center, The University of Maryland – StarTrack Program, and Point Source Youth
  - b. Services: Host Home, which is a homeowner hosting a youth in their home for a 90-day period while they reconnect with services and regain stability in a safe and welcoming environment
4. **Youth Empowered Society (2315 N. Charles Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 410-235-7744, M – Th 2 – 6PM drop-in, F by appointment)**
  - a. Background: YES Drop-In Center is the City’s first and only drop-in center for homeless youth, a safe space for people ages 14 to 25, where they can get connected to services and offered extra support to get basic needs met
  - b. Services: a drop-in, safe space where youth can get connected to supportive services, including case management and housing placement, while also getting basic needs met—including obtaining donated items

## *Advocacy*

5. **Baltimore City LGBTQ Commission (100 Holliday Street, 410-396-7657)**
  - a. Background: The Baltimore LGBTQ Commission will advise the Mayor, City Council, and City agencies about issues of concern affecting the LGBTQ community, bring the LGBTQ communities and the

larger Baltimore community together through long-range projects, and ensure that City agencies fairly and equitably address issues affecting Baltimore's LGBTQ community—focusing on access and inclusion to services in Baltimore City

- b. Services: As stated above, the Baltimore City LGBTQ Commission is the city entity that advises city government on issues affecting the LGBTQ community. Their Executive Director is Jabari Lyles ([Jabari.Lyles@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Jabari.Lyles@baltimorecity.gov)). It appears that they meet quarterly, their last meeting taking place on Friday, April 19, 2019
6. **Baltimore Transgender Alliance ([info@baltimoretransalliance.com](mailto:info@baltimoretransalliance.com))**
    - a. Background: to nurture the resilience of the trans community and support those who have been marginalized, in order to strengthen collective interdependence; equip the trans community with knowledge and education through mentorship, youth leadership development, and by connecting individuals to systems that have historically undervalued and marginalized the trans community; to liberate the potential of the next generation
    - b. Services: trainings facilitated by individuals of trans experience, focusing on intersectional perspectives from their communities, as part of workplace diversity trainings on gender expansive identities and how to make workplaces transgender sanctuaries (includes Trans 101, Trans 201, and Decolonizing Gender); advocacy, including most recently supporting the passage of a Gender X bill and working with the Baltimore City LGBTQ Affairs Office and GLSEN Maryland to get Policy JBB passed, providing guidelines to schools on protesting trans students; and community-building, with organizing around events like the annual Trans March of Resilience, community vigils, fundraisers, cookouts, and other supportive, community-building events
  7. **FreeState Justice (231 E. Baltimore Street, Suite 1100, 410-625-5428)**
    - a. Background: FreeState Justice is the only state-wide LGBTQ advocacy organization that combines direct legal services and policy advocacy to serve the needs of LGBTQ communities. Their mission envisions a Maryland where people across the spectrum of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer identities are free to live authentically, with safety and dignity, free of from discrimination in all aspects of their lives
    - b. Services: Include direct legal services to low-income LGBTQ clients through an in-house counsel and pro bono attorney network; policy advocacy; community outreach to promote self-advocacy within the LGBTQ communities, particularly among LGBTQ young adults; educational trainings to Maryland lawyers and judges about LGBTQ needs

## **Community**

8. **Baltimore OUTloud Community Newspaper (410-802-1310)**
  - a. Background: Baltimore OUTloud is an independent newspaper for the LGBTQ community in Baltimore City, and across the Mid-Atlantic region. The idea of the newspaper was borne out of the need for an independent voice, free of corporate ownership, and focused on community organizations.
  - b. Services: Comprehensive news, opinions, and the latest in local entertainment.
9. **The Center for Black Equity (2530 N. Charles Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 443-218-2478)**
  - c. Background: The Center for Black Equity – Baltimore envisions a society where all Black LGBTQ people thrive and feel safe, supported, and whole. Their mission is to foster a sense of belonging and connectedness among the Black LGBTQW community throughout Baltimore City
  - d. Services: Include culturally responsive and trauma-informed community engagement; educational programming; training and personal development; and strategic community coalition building. They also offer counseling and family support through the Earline Budd Anti-Violence Project.