

LGBTQIA+ Resource List

National LGBTQIA+ Resources

1. **Centerlink** – Centerlink was founded with the mission to build sustainable LGBTQ community centers, this organization now has over 200 locations in 46 states and five countries. Aside from strengthening local LGBTQ communities, the organization also provides networking, technical assistance and training, and capacity building services. <https://www.lgbtcenters.org/>
2. **GLADD** – GLAAD, with a national focus on leading conversations about equality for the LGBTQ community and informing the media narrative, works with news and entertainment media of all formats and communications and digital strategy outlets to ensure the public is provided with powerful stories about the LGBTQ community that advocates for greater equality. <https://www.glaad.org/>
3. **GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network)** – The mission of GLSEN is ensuring all members of school communities feel respected, regardless of their sexual orientation. This is accomplished through educating teachers, students and the public about the common pressures faced by LGBTQ students and working to remove barriers to success. <https://www.glsen.org/>
4. **Get Equal** – GE focuses on equipping the LGBTQ community and their allies to fight against inequalities and to push for progressive change. <http://getequal.org/>
5. **Matthew Shepard Foundation** – By erasing hate and building compassionate and accepting communities, the Matthew Shepard Foundation hopes to empower LGBTQ individuals to challenge and address discriminatory behavior in their schools, neighborhoods and homes. <https://www.matthewshepard.org/>
6. **The Trevor Project**—The Trevor Project’s mission is to end suicide among LGBTQ young people. Resources include:
 - a. “If you ever need immediate help or support — you aren’t alone. Call, text, or chat with a trained counselor 24/7, all year round. For free.”
 - b. Connect with an international community for LGBTQ young people ages 13–24. “TrevorSpace is an affirming, online community for LGBTQ young people between the ages of 13-24 years old. With over 400,000 members across the globe, you can explore your identity, get advice, find support, and make friends in a moderated community intentionally designed for you.”
 - c. Resource library: “Get answers for everything LGBTQ. Is there something you want to learn more about? Find topics you’re interested in here.”

[The Trevor Project | For Young LGBTQ Lives](#) Call: 1-866-488-7386 Text: 678-678

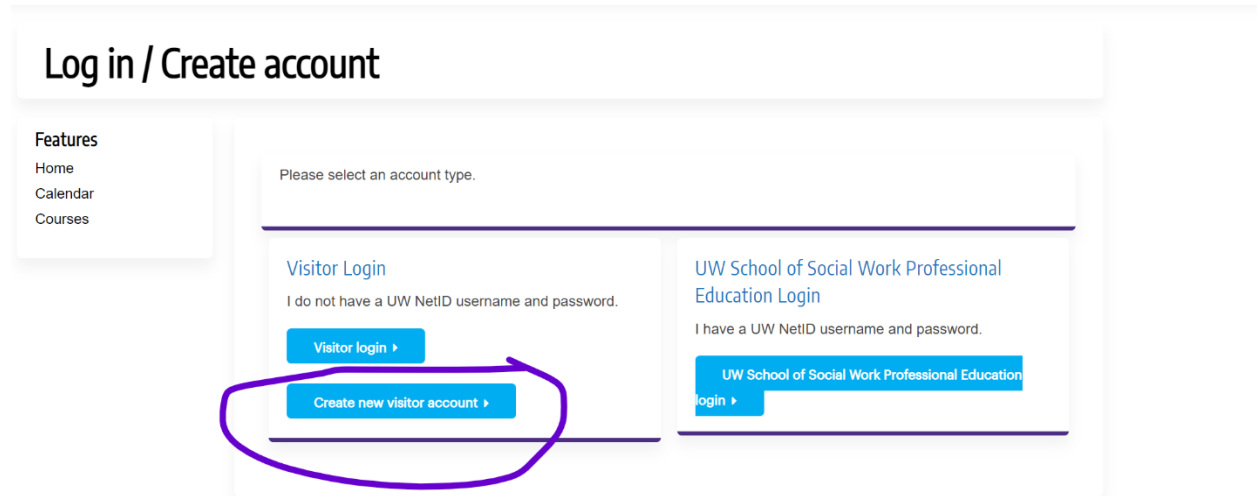
7. **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE): A guide for Foster Caregivers – Online training for Caregivers.** A free 2-hour training that foster parents, relatives, parents, anyone who wants to learn more, can take online and receive a training certificate that can be used for training hours. This course was found to increase confidence of caregivers about LGBTQ+ issues, increased their willingness to foster LGBTQ+ youth and increased their

acceptance of LGBTQ+ people. This training course was developed in Washington but open to anyone to take.

To access the training, go to [Connecting: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression Training for Caregivers and Kinship Providers \(eLearning\) | UW School of Social Work Professional Education](#)

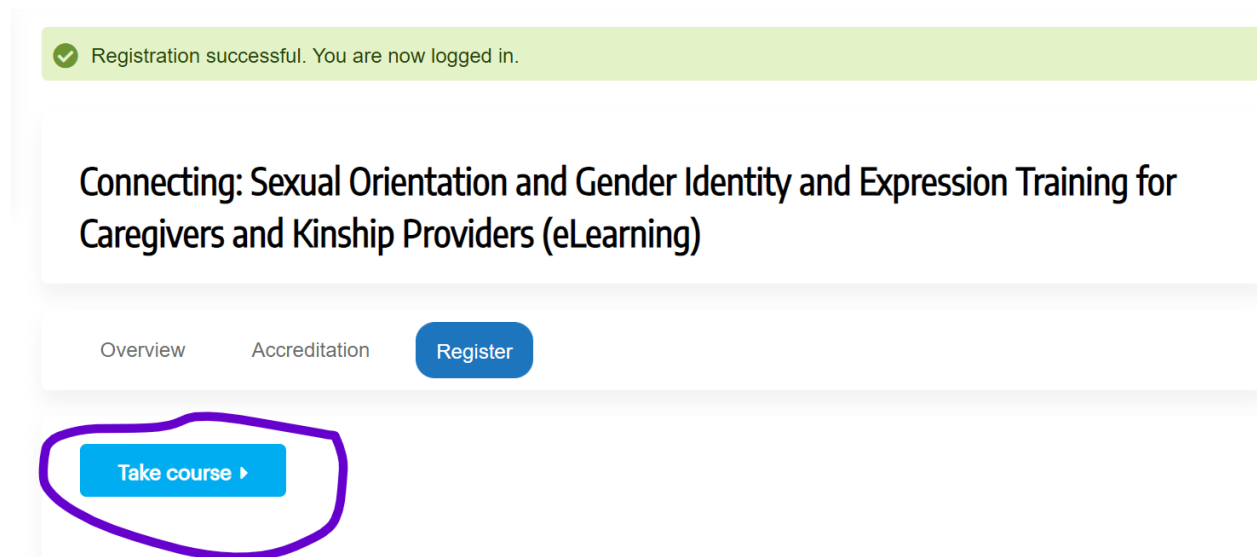
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You will need to set up an account if you haven't already done so:



Under group you are taking the training for, select Other.

After you are registered, you are logged in. Select Take Course.



Statewide LGBTQIA+ Resources

1. **Bloom House Youth Services** – The goal of Bloom House is to create a culture of acceptance for vulnerable, at risk, and homeless youth. Bloom House believes in using a commonsense approach and comprehensive support services to ensure a stable and empowered future for young people who need it most. <https://bloomhouseks.weebly.com/>
2. **SOS** – SOS's mission is to empower and advocate for those affected by sexual and domestic violence, child abuse and neglect. SOS serves five Kansas counties: Chase, Coffey, Lyon, Morris & Osage.
3. **Equality Kansas** – formerly the Kansas Equality Coalition, Equality Kansas established in October 2005. Originally formed by the merger of independent LGBT advocacy groups in Topeka, Manhattan, and Wichita, Equality Kansas is a chapter-based grassroots organization. <https://eqks.org/>
4. **Transformations** – Transformations is committed to serving transgender, nonbinary, gender-expansive, and gender nonconforming (TGNC) young people and explicitly centering transgender young women of color, and trans and nonbinary young people in survival mode and without traditional systems of support, in their experiences, resiliency, leadership and wisdom. The organization expanded their outreach to include a three-state region, specifically focusing on Missouri, Kansas, and Ozark Mountain region in Northern Arkansas. <https://transformationskc.org/>

Kansas City Area Resources

1. **The Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (KCAVP)** – KCAVP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation committed to providing domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes advocacy and education to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. <http://www.kcavp.org/>
2. **The Kansas City Center for Inclusion, Inc. (KCCI)** – KCCI is Kansas City's LGBTQIA+ resource and community center. Founded in 2017, KCCI is proud to focus on the future of our family here in the greater Kansas City area. Kansas City's LGBTQIA+ community has a rich history, and we are proud to continue to be a part of this great heritage. <https://www.inclusivekc.org/>
3. **The GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) Greater Kansas City Chapter** – supports students and educators locally, organizes around LGBTQ-affirming public policy, plans teacher trainings, and hosts events for students, educators, parents, and allies. <https://www.glsen.org/chapter/greater-kansas-city>
4. **Beacon for Hope** – Beacon for Hope is Suicide Prevention 501 (c)(3) non-profit dedicated to linking our community together through education, resources, support, and hope for those who have been affected by suicide. <https://www.hopelinks.org/>
5. **National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE)** – Identifying as America's premier social justice advocacy organization for transgender individuals, NCTE works at the federal, state and local levels to leverage political capital and change laws encouraging discriminatory behavior. The

organization has a particularly helpful “Know Your Rights” section of their website with information on housing, healthcare, employment, and more.

Wichita Area Resources

1. **The Center of Wichita** – The Center is a local resource center for the LGBTQ+ community. It is also a great resource for Wichita youth seeking a safe space to socialize with other LGBTQ+ youth. <https://www.thecenterofwichita.org/>
2. **Equality Kansas Wichita Chapter** – formerly the Kansas Equality Coalition, Equality Kansas established in October 2005. Originally formed by the merger of independent LGBT advocacy groups in Topeka, Manhattan, and Wichita, Equality Kansas is a chapter-based grassroots organization. <https://eqks.org/>
3. **LGBTQ+ ICT** – The mission of LGBT+ ICT is to promote all of the local LGBT+ news, events, organizations, bars and clubs, and inclusive businesses, connect the community and provide a single spot to find out what is going on in Wichita, Kansas. <https://www.lgbtict.com/>
4. **PFLAG Hutchinson** – PFLAG is a support, education, and advocacy group for families, friends, and allies of LGBT persons. Since 2013, PFLAG of South-Central Kansas, located in the heart of Hutchinson, has worked with schools, healthcare, social services, businesses, and other community organizations in Hutchinson to offer education and support services to encourage and strengthen the communities in the area. <https://pflag.org/chapter/pflag-hutchinson>
5. **Wichita Pride, Inc.** – Wichita Pride's mission is to organize events to celebrate and unite our diverse community of LGBT+ and allied people in the greater Wichita area. <https://wichitapride.org/>
6. **Wichita Transgender and Community Network (WiTCoN)** – The mission of the Wichita Transgender Community Network is to provide the local transgender community with support and networking opportunities with one another as well as with the larger Wichita area community. Through social, legal, medical, educational and transitional support, the organization aims to create a community that is actively and openly inclusive of the transgender community.

Topeka, Kansas

1. **Topeka Pride**- Topeka Pride is a Federal non-profit 501(c)(3) located in Topeka, KS that exists to bring support, love education, and fun to the people of Kansas. Contact: topekaprider@gmail.com

Southeast Kansas Resources

1. **Q Space** – A social community of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, non-binary, asexual, and pansexual people in Southeast Kansas. <https://qspacepittsburg.wixsite.com/website>

- a. **Fairy God Gay Fund-** “The fairy god gays is a miniature grant project of Q Space where local LGBTQ+ people in need can get financial resources. Request Form- [fairy god gay fund - request form \(google.com\)](#)
 - b. **Digital Resource Library- [Q Zone Training Public Folder - Google Drive](#)**
 - c. **Support Group-** “Q Space is partnering with Got Your Six Counseling to form an LGBTQ+ therapy/support group in Pittsburg. Fill out this form and we will get your information sent over and will be in contact with you soon!” [Pittsburg LGBTQ+ Support Group Interest Form \(google.com\)](#)
 - d. **Q Space Parents-** “This group is for parents of LGBTQIAP+ individuals in Southeast Kansas. Connect with other parents and learn how to support and be an ally for your child (no matter their age!)” [Q Space Parents | Facebook](#)
2. **Project Q&A (Independence, KS)-** “The sole purpose of Project Q&A is to raise awareness for the over 2.9 million LGBTQ community who call rural America home. Project Q&A works to educate rural communities on queer issues, empower LGBTQ individuals and allies to create change, and raise the visibility of the LGBTQ population to create connections.” [Project Q&A | Independence KS \(facebook.com\)](#)
 3. **Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)** – A University student organization that support LGBTQIA+ students and community members through activism and celebratory activities, inform the community on historical and current issues regarding LGBTQIA+ individuals and movements, create welcoming, safe, and supportive social gatherings, and support national and local inclusion programs in Kansas and the United States.
 - a. **Pittsburg State University GSA** <https://pittstate.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/gsa>
 - b. **Labette Community College GSA** [Labette Community College Gay Straight Alliance | Facebook](#) Contact: Lauren Shepherd- 620-820-1139
 - c.
 4. **Equality Club** – A Pittsburg High School student organization that focuses on women’s rights, LGBTQ+ societal issues, and racial equality.

Emporia, Kansas Resources

1. **People Respecting Individuality & Diversity in Education (PRIDE)** – An Emporia State University recognized student organization for Allies, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning persons on campus. “We accept and respect everybody, regardless of sex, race, religion, orientation, gender, nationality, etc.”
2. **Emporia High School Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)** – Emporia High School’s GSA is a club for gender and sexuality awareness.
3. **ESU Student Wellness Center Counseling Services** – Counseling for ESU Students via Zoom for Healthcare. Please call 620-341-5222 to schedule a time to talk with a counselor. The Counseling Center resource page also houses our group workshops and hosts groups for Biofeedback, Art Therapy, LGBTQ+ support, and Connection including self-help, alcohol and drug abuse

prevention, and information on healthy relationship and interpersonal violence education.
<https://www.emporia.edu/student-life/health-wellness/counseling-services/>

4. **Dr. Jim Persinger & LGBTQ+ Training** – Dr. Persinger is available to offer trainings related to safe, supportive, and LGBTQ-inclusive K-12 education. This includes youth climate research, allyship, fostering Safe Spaces, and giftedness in LGBTQ+ youth. <https://www.emporia.edu/teachers-college/units/psychology-home/directory/dr-jim-persinger/>
5. **Nyk Robertson & LGBTQ+ Training** – Nyk Robertson is available for trainings across a variety of subjects pertaining to LGBTQ+ communities including BIPOC, Intimate Violence, Health and Wellness inclusive practices, religious LGBTQ+ students, international students, and more. <https://www.emporia.edu/about-emporia-state-university/leadership-faculty-staff/university-directory/?q=NYK+ROBERTSON>
6. **The Emporia State LGBTQ+ Alumni Facebook Group** – Facebook Group is for LGBTQ+ ESU alumni. Please join if you are an Emporia State University alumnus (student, faculty, staff, friend of university) and are LGBTQ+ or our allies. This alumni group is to support the LGBTQ+ community, particularly on campus. We welcome people to share about their lives and ways we can engage meaningfully to support LGBTQ+ progress at our alma matter. EVERYONE (including our allies) is welcome to be part of the alumni group.

Potential Resources for Staff:

1. **Stand In Pride** -- Stand in Pride has thousands of members ready and willing to shower you with support and love. They are willing to physically show up for any special occasion. Dealing with the challenges of today requires problem-solvers who bring different perspectives and are willing to take risks. Stand IN Pride emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the community, and a desire for actions to speak louder than words. We're an organization driven by progressive ideas, bold actions, and a strong foundation of support. Contact us to learn more and get involved. (Has Facebook group for Midwest—including Kansas.)

*Note: Stand in Pride has a Facebook group for Midwest, including Kansas. This could be a good way to help youth who are aging out of care find meaningful connections in allies and potentially individuals who have similar experiences. Staff would need to be mindful and maybe meet with any potential “stand ins” before the youth – some sort of screening? This is an idea in progress. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/393671339631427/>