

CENTER OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles LGBT Center is building a world where LGBTQ+ people thrive as healthy, equal, and complete members of society.

OUR STORY

More than 50 years ago, a group of queer activists came together to share a dream. After fighting for equality through protests, demonstrations, and parades, they asked: *What if we created the world we've been waiting for?*

They launched Liberation House—a shelter that provided a safe space for LGBTQ+ people. As demand from the community grew, so did the dream. Decades later, the Los Angeles LGBT Center has grown from one small home into the largest LGBTQ+ organization in the world.

The Center pioneered a holistic model of care that not only houses, nourishes, and heals—but also uplifts and celebrates every person who walks through the doors. We welcome our community with open arms—whether it's a young person discovering belonging, a senior embracing life with pride, or anyone in between. The lessons we learn on the frontlines of care become the driving force behind our advocacy—shaping a world where all LGBTQ+ people can thrive.

Each year, the Los Angeles LGBT Center welcomes more than 35,000 clients of all backgrounds—from youth under 24 to seniors in their golden years—all seeking care, connection, and community. All of our services are available to everyone for free or at low cost, ensuring that queer and trans people across our 10 locations have access to the care and community they deserve.

We lead with courage and compassion, guided by our values of community, integrity, liberation, and joy—always centering the lived experiences of those we serve.

McDonald/Wright Building: 1625 Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028

Anita May Rosenstein Campus: 1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

The Village at Ed Gould Plaza: 1125 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

Triangle Square: 1602 N. Ivar Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

Trans Wellness Center: 3055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 360, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Center South: 2313 W. MLK Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008

Mi Centro: 553 S. Clarence St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Senior Center: 1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

Thomas D. Kraemer Youth Center: 1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

Las Palmas: 1111 N. Las Palmas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038



HEALTH SERVICES

We believe healthcare is a human right, one that must be accessible, affirming, and equitable for all members of our community. Our Health Services department, recognized as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) at our McDonald/Wright Building in Hollywood, Center South in South L.A., and the Trans Wellness Center in Koreatown, provides comprehensive, culturally competent care to tens of thousands of LGBTQ+ individuals each year, many of whom face persistent barriers to care due to discrimination, economic insecurity, or lack of insurance.

Primary Care

The Center serves as the primary care medical home to more than 10,000 patients aged 18 years of age and older. Our clinicians are specially trained in the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and provide a care model that is evidence-based, patient-centered, and sex- and body-positive. Primary care services include preventative health screenings and well-adult care, chronic disease management (including specialized HIV care), and trauma-informed pelvic and gynecologic services such as menstrual health, menopause management, contraceptive care, and medication abortion.

Mental Health Care

Mental health is central to overall well-being—especially for LGBTQ+ individuals, who experience higher rates of trauma, depression, and anxiety. Our team of licensed mental health clinicians offers individual, couples, and group therapy. Specialized substance use services, including an intensive outpatient program and medication assisted therapy, are also available. In addition, the Center provides psychiatric care for patients whose mental health conditions require medication management.

Sexual Health Care

As a nationally recognized leader in sexual health and HIV prevention, the Center offers an expedited model for testing, treating, and preventing sexually transmitted infections (STIs). This includes same-day access to sexual health assessments by trained clinicians and prescriptions for pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV (PrEP and PEP) and STIs (doxyPEP).

Gender-Affirming Care

The Center remains committed to the holistic provision of medically necessary gender-affirming care. Unlike other service models in which hormone therapy is prescribed as a specialty service, the

Center considers the entire individual and their medical and mental health needs when providing this care. Our gender-affirming services include hormone therapy, gender-affirming surgery navigation (including referrals and medical and mental health letters), case management, and intensive behavioral health support.

Integrated Medicine

As a part of our holistic model of care, the Center proudly offers LGBTQ+-affirming chiropractic and acupuncture services in the safety and comfort of our clinic spaces. Often out of reach for our community, chiropractic and acupuncture provide evidence-based treatments for chronic pain and support patients in achieving optimal health and wellness.

In-House Pharmacy

Our full-service, on-site pharmacy ensures that patients have convenient, affordable access to the medications they need. With staff trained in LGBTQ+ and HIV-related care, our pharmacy team provides medication counseling and adherence support, particularly for those on complex regimens like PrEP, PEP, or antiretrovirals.

ANNUAL STATS

- 33,445 primary care visits
- 45,969 mental health visits
- 13,496 HIV specialty visits
- Over 130,000 prescriptions filled



YOUTH SERVICES

The Center operates the nation’s most comprehensive continuum of services for LGBTQ+ youth, ensuring that every young person can find safety, stability, and resources to thrive. Many of the youth we serve have experienced homelessness, family rejection, or systemic discrimination. Our programs address these realities head-on, offering housing, education, employment training, and a welcoming community of care.

Youth Center

Open daily in Hollywood, the Thomas D. Kraemer Youth Center is often the first stop for LGBTQ+ young people (ages 18-24) in crisis. The drop-in space offers nutritious meals, showers, clothing, support groups, case management, and access to health and mental health care—providing a critical lifeline for youth navigating instability.

Housing

The Center operates multiple housing programs for LGBTQ+ youth, including 40 emergency beds, 52 transitional living beds, and 25 long-term supportive units. Beyond shelter, youth also receive case management, counseling, and life skills training—laying a foundation for healing, stability, and independence.

Education

Through The Ariadne Getty Foundation Youth Academy, youth access academic support, GED and high school diploma classes, tutoring, and college enrollment assistance, and access to more than \$35,000 in scholarships—restoring pathways disrupted by homelessness, discrimination, or foster care.

Workforce Development

The Center helps LGBTQ+ youth build skills, gain work experience, and achieve financial independence through paid training, internships, coaching, and job placement. Vocational training programs—now expanded to Culinary Arts, Social Service, Customer Service, and Visual Arts—equip youth with practical skills that connect directly to stable careers.

RISE (Recognize Intervene Support Empower)

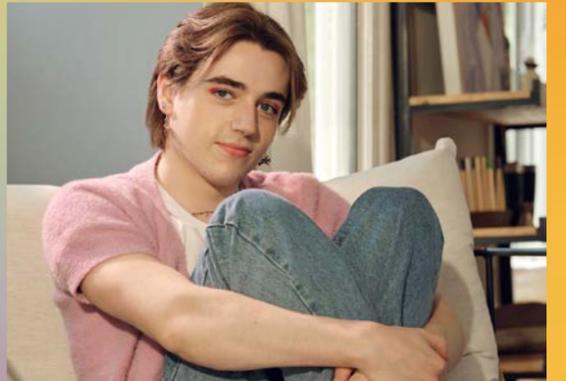
The local program empowers LGBTQ+ youth (age 8-18) impacted by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems through intensive case management, mentoring, and services and resources that build stability, life skills, and resilience. Nationally, RISE provides training and technical assistance to providers working with LGBTQ+ youth.

Community Programs

Our Out for Safe Schools® (OFSS) program equips educators and school staff with the tools to create safe, inclusive, and affirming learning environments for LGBTQ+ students. Through training, resources, and visible allyship, OFSS helps prevent bullying, reduce isolation, and ensure LGBTQ+ youth feel seen, valued, and supported.

ANNUAL STATS

- 1,133 youth served
- 82,700+ hot meals served
- 255 youth accessed education services
- 85% of youth maintain stable housing for 6 months after graduating from the Center



SENIOR SERVICES

LGBTQ+ older adults (50+) face unique challenges as they age, many having lived through decades of discrimination, isolation, and the AIDS epidemic without the traditional support networks often available to their peers. The Center’s Senior Services department is a national model in meeting these needs, offering housing, food security, health navigation, hot showers, laundry, and daily opportunities for connection and community.

Senior Center

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Senior Center provides LGBTQ+ older adults with more than just a place to gather; it offers daily meals, showers, and access to vital resources like case management and health care. Seniors can participate in several social and enrichment activities each month, helping to reduce isolation and foster community. By combining essential services with opportunities for connection, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Senior Center ensures that older adults have both the basics they need to thrive and a welcoming space where they truly belong.

Affordable Housing

The Center operates two of the nation’s first and largest affordable housing complexes for LGBTQ+ seniors: Triangle Square Apartments, which has 104 units, and The Ariadne Getty Foundation Senior Housing complex, which has 98 units. These buildings offer not just a roof over one’s head, but a built-in community.

Community Building

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Senior Center is a vibrant hub of connection, where older adults come together to build friendships, share experiences, and celebrate community. Each month, participants can join activities like chair yoga, dance classes, and writing workshops, alongside support groups tailored for those living with HIV or who have served as veterans. Seasonal celebrations—including Valentine’s Day, Senior Prom, Thanksgiving, and other holiday parties—offer joyful opportunities to gather and honor traditions. These programs

reduce isolation, promote well-being, and ensure that LGBTQ+ seniors remain connected to a caring and affirming community.

Hot Meals

Food insecurity remains a major concern among the seniors we serve, especially those living on fixed incomes or facing rising housing and healthcare costs. The Center offers free, nutritious hot lunches five days a week in a communal setting, ensuring both sustenance and social interaction. Meals are culturally responsive, dietitian-approved, and tailored to seniors’ health needs. We also offer the Senior Pride Pantry, which provides shelf-stable groceries, fresh produce, and other necessities to older adults living on fixed incomes and facing barriers to food security.

ANNUAL STATS

- Nearly **200** low-income LGBTQ+ seniors housed
- **41,300+** hot meals served to seniors
- **85+** activities per month to build community and connection
- Engaged **2,808** seniors in case management



CULINARY ARTS

The Culinary Arts Program is both a workforce development initiative and a social enterprise that sustains the Center’s vital services. Through an intergenerational, hands-on training in our commercial kitchen and Liberation Coffee House, LGBTQ+ youth and seniors gain skills, job readiness, and pathways to long-term employment. Revenue generated from catering and café operations is reinvested directly back into the Center’s services, creating a sustainable cycle that advances our mission and empowers the next generation of LGBTQ+ leaders. At the same time, our students help to prepare hundreds of meals each day for Center members, playing a vital role in combating food insecurity in our community.

Culinary Arts Training

The Culinary Arts track equips LGBTQ+ youth (18-24) and older adults (50+) with food safety, culinary, and customer service skills through 300 hours of paid training. Participants work and learn alongside professional chefs and complete externships at Liberation Coffee House or one of our restaurant partners. Wraparound support—including career coaching, resume development, and job placement—ensures graduates leave with both technical skills and real-world readiness.

Liberation Coffee House and Catering

Liberation Coffee House and the Center’s catering program provide revenue to sustain services and serve as real-world training sites. Participants gain barista, customer service, and hospitality experience at the café, while the catering arm delivers high-quality menus for events hosted at the Center and across Los Angeles. Together, these enterprises generate vital revenue, build transferable skills and offer proven pathways to stability and brighter futures.

ANNUAL STATS

- **63 youth and seniors** enrolled in our tuition-free Culinary Arts Training Program
- **10,845+** hours of culinary training provided
- **34,667** cups of coffee and tea served
- **100%** of profits reinvested directly back into Center programs



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Center’s Community Programs extend our mission beyond clinic walls, meeting people where they are, building trust, and connecting LGBTQ+ individuals to life-saving services. Through a network of satellite locations and targeted outreach initiatives, we reach communities that often face the highest barriers to care and support. Whether through HIV education, culturally specific programming, or trans-led services, these programs represent our commitment to equity, inclusion, and access for all members of our community.

Center South (Federally Qualified Health Center)

Situated in South Los Angeles, Center South was launched to respond directly to the health disparities and structural inequities faced by Black and Brown LGBTQ+ communities. Services offered include primary care, mental health, trans health, and sexual health, as well as HIV prevention and education programs, access to harm reduction tools, monthly farmer’s markets, and community-led wellness programming.

Mi Centro

Located in Boyle Heights, Mi Centro is a vital partnership between the Center and Latino Equality Alliance, designed to provide services and advocacy for Latine LGBTQ+ communities in East Los Angeles. Programs include immigration services, monthly “Know Your Rights” workshops, asylum and work permit clinics, mental health services, support groups, clothing closet, civic engagement opportunities, and Mi Mercado, a monthly farmer’s market.

Trans Wellness Center (Federally Qualified Health Center)

The Trans Wellness Center (TWC) is a first-of-its-kind facility offering comprehensive services for transgender, gender-nonconforming, and intersex (TGI) people under one roof. TWC offers hormone therapy, medical and mental health services, sexual health, HIV prevention and education programs, and legal services (including support with name and gender marker change), job readiness training, peer mentoring, emergency funds for medical and housing needs, housing referrals, clothing and makeup closet, and social support.

HIV and Harm Reduction Outreach, Education, and Prevention

For over four decades, the Center has led efforts to end the HIV epidemic in Los Angeles. Our outreach teams provide free HIV and STI testing, condom distribution, PrEP and PEP education and referrals, and peer education in communities most impacted by HIV.

Transgender Economic Empowerment Program

The Trans Economic Empowerment Program (TEEP) provides holistic workforce development services, including career counseling and skills training. TEEP connects clients with job opportunities and provides strategies for navigating the application process. Once employed, we offer ongoing support to help clients succeed in the workplace.

Trans* Lounge

Trans* Lounge is the Center’s groundbreaking empowerment and community-building program serving the gender-expansive community in all aspects of their journey towards self-discovery and acceptance. Trans* Lounge presents upwards of 20 peer-led support groups, creative and educational workshops, as well as in-person social events each month.

ANNUAL STATS

- **1,718** individuals served at Mi Centro
- **5,121** individuals served at Center South
- **11,141** visits to the Trans Wellness Center
- **275** individuals engaged through Trans* Lounge per month



LEGAL SERVICES

Legal advocacy is a critical part of the Center’s holistic approach to care and justice. LGBTQ+ people—especially transgender individuals, immigrants, and low-income tenants—face disproportionate legal challenges rooted in discrimination, poverty, and lack of access to resources. Our Legal Services department provides free, affirming legal support to help clients navigate complex systems, assert their rights, and live with greater security and dignity.

Housing Rights Advocacy

The Center’s Legal Services team works to protect the housing rights of LGBTQ+ community members, particularly those most vulnerable to displacement, including seniors, low-income tenants, and people living with disabilities. We provide free legal consultations, representation in eviction and rent-increase cases, and education about tenant protections through “Know Your Rights” workshops. Our advocacy promotes housing stability, combats discrimination, and helps ensure that all community members—especially older adults (50+)—can remain in safe, affirming homes as they age.

Immigration Services

The Center is a lifeline for LGBTQ+ immigrants and asylum seekers, many of whom have fled violence and persecution in their countries of origin. Our immigration team provides free legal representation and assistance with asylum applications, DACA renewals, work permits, and applications for green card and other immigration relief. We also offer psychosocial support and referrals to affirming health, housing, and mental health services.

Name and Gender Marker Change Services

For transgender, gender-nonconforming, and intersex (TGI) individuals, securing accurate identity documents can be life-changing—and often life-saving. The Center provides free legal support to help clients update their names and gender markers on state and federal documents, including birth certificates, driver’s licenses, passports, and Social Security records.

Survivor Legal Services

Through our Legal Advocacy Project for Survivors, we provide trauma-informed, LGBTQ+-specific legal services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, hate crimes, stalking, trafficking, and other crimes. Services include crisis intervention, safety planning, restraining order assistance, court and law enforcement accompaniment, advocacy with justice agencies, Victims of Crime Act applications, LGBTQ+-affirming referrals, and linkage to training on violence prevention and response.

ANNUAL STATS

- **38** housing rights workshops; **750+** tenants reached
- **280** clients received eviction-prevention support
- **600+** LGBTQ+ immigrants served; **350+** immigration petitions filed
- **500** name and gender marker changes processed
- **300** Victims of Crime and hate-crime survivors served annually



POLICY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

The Center is not only a service provider; it is also a movement-builder. Our Policy and Community Organizing team works across Los Angeles at every level of the government to protect the rights of LGBTQ+ people, fight discriminatory laws, and mobilize the community to create meaningful change. From voting booths to the steps of City Hall and Washington, D.C., our work is powered by the belief that justice is only possible when those most affected lead the fight.

Voter Education and Registration

Civic participation is one of the most powerful tools LGBTQ+ people can use to demand equity and representation. The Center’s civic engagement team conducts year-round voter education and registration drives to ensure LGBTQ+ voices are heard, especially among youth, seniors, immigrants, and people of color.

Community Actions

The Center activates thousands of volunteers through large-scale phone banking campaigns, direct actions, marches, and rallies that defend LGBTQ+ rights and build lasting civic power. Whether mobilizing voters during critical elections or taking to the streets in response to harmful legislation, violence, or public-health crises, these efforts unite youth leaders, trans advocates, and community coalitions in a shared and powerful movement for equity, safety, and justice.

Community Advocacy and Coalition Engagement

The Center leads and participates in dozens of issue-specific advocacy coalitions across all levels of government to ensure that LGBTQ voices are at the table. Through advocacy campaigns engaging thousands of volunteers, the Center mobilizes community members to champion equitable HIV funding, expand access to healthcare, housing, and immigration services, and defend the civil rights of LGBTQ+ people. These efforts span youth and senior social service programs, LBQ women’s health, transgender inclusion, and homelessness prevention, driving local, state, and national coalitions to center those most impacted by inequities, ensuring that every person has access to care, safety, and dignity.

Capacity Building & Technical Assistance

Every year the Center provides state-of-the-art training and technical assistance to providers on best practices for supporting the LGBTQ+ community. This includes operating the National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence and the Center’s RISE program, which offer training and technical assistance to professionals serving LGBTQ+ youth and young adults.

ANNUAL STATS

- **2,200+** new voters registered; **12** forums and educational events hosted
- **15+** phone banks hosted; **25,000+** voter calls made
- **10** major demonstrations and rallies led or co-organized
- **300+** HIV advocates engaged in legislative and community actions
- Training and technical assistance offered to more than **3,000** professionals serving LGBTQ+ individuals.
- **\$220** million secured in state and local funding for LGBTQ+ Health Equity, Survivor Services, HIV Prevention and Treatment, Older Adults, and Public Health Programs.



CULTURAL ARTS

The Center’s Cultural Arts programming brings people together through the power of performance, storytelling, and creative expression. Art is central to our mission—it amplifies LGBTQ+ voices, builds community, and nurtures the next generation of queer artists and changemakers. From groundbreaking theater productions to free community events, our Cultural Arts Department creates spaces where LGBTQ+ stories are seen, heard, and celebrated.

Performances and Productions

At the heart of our Cultural Arts programming is the Lily Tomlin/ Jane Wagner Cultural Arts Center, home to award-winning theatrical productions, comedy showcases, and concert series that reflect the richness and diversity of LGBTQ+ lives.

Community Events and Festivals

The Center organizes a wide range of cultural events open to the public, from film screenings and comedy shows to art exhibitions and immersive experiences. These gatherings serve as entry points for community connection and engagement, drawing thousands of participants each year. Signature events include:

- **Highly Favored:** Honoring Black History Month and celebrating everything Black and queer in Los Angeles. This event uplifts exceptional advocates and showcases the brilliance of Black queer artistry, culture, and community.
- **Juice Box:** A vibrant event for Women’s History Month that amplifies the artistry, entrepreneurship, and voices of LBQT women and other gender-expansive creators.
- **Golden Hour:** A queer night market honoring Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. The event spotlights queer AANHPI artists, performers, and businesses through a dynamic celebration of identity, creativity, and community.
- **Queerceañera:** An annual Latine Heritage Month celebration, honoring Latine culture and reimagining the traditional quinceañera through a queer lens. The event spotlights L.A.’s diverse queer, Latine diasporic experiences—centering stories of migration, fortitude, and the power of queer and trans joy.

Artist Support and Education

Through workshops, artist residencies, and youth programs, the Center invests in the development of LGBTQ+ creatives across generations. Our spaces provide opportunities for artists to develop new projects, cultivate new audiences, and share new work rooted in identity, activism, and resilience.

Our Cultural Arts programming exists not only to entertain, but to empower. By telling authentic LGBTQ+ stories and celebrating queer brilliance, we counter erasure, challenge stereotypes, and create cultural narratives where our communities are the protagonists. The Center’s stages and gallery walls remain unapologetically queer, bold, and deeply needed.

ANNUAL STATS

- **11,500** attendees welcomed to Cultural Arts events and exhibitions
- **600** local artists featured
- **40** community partnerships with local artists and art organizations
- **130** live performances
- **450** youth and senior residents received free tickets to Center performances



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