

LGBTQ+ Competent Service Providers, Agencies, and Resources for Advocates

Area Service Providers and Agencies

(If you are in need of an LGBTQ+ competent service provider/agency other than the ones listed here, please contact the CASA office or email project.coordinator@casa-vfc.org and describe what services you're looking for, and we will research local providers and find one who is a good fit for you and your needs!)

(BC) = Serving Benton County (LC) = Serving Lincoln County (BC + LC) = Serving both Benton & Lincoln County

Child Care

Infant/Preschool

(BC) KidCo Head Start / Early Head Start

Kidco Head Start/Early Head Start is a free infant/toddler and preschool program that serves families from Linn, Benton and Marion Counties. Enrollment is based on age, income and special need.

(BC) **Old Mill Center Community Preschool**

The goal of Old Mill Center Community Preschool is to serve the educational, physical, and social/affective needs of children ages 3-6. Our preschool serves those with special needs alongside their typically developing peers.

(BC) **OSU Child Development Center**

Get your child off on the right foot with the OSU Child Development Center, which provides a high-quality preschool program for Head Start and tuition-paying families in the community.

(LC) Samaritan Early Learning Center

At Samaritan Early Learning Center, we serve the children and families of Lincoln City and north Lincoln County create fun learning experiences for infants, toddlers and children with activities that reflect their developmental stage.

K-12 Summer and After-School

(BC) **Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis is to attract, continually engage, and inspire youth in elementary, middle and high school to realize their full potential. We offer inclusive after-school and summer programming for youth in grades K-12.

(LC) **Lincoln County School District After-School Programs**

The LCSD free after-school programs use science, technology, engineering, arts, math, and literacy to provide educational enrichment opportunities to students.

OSU KidSpirit (BC)

KidSpirit strives to serve as a leader in summer and no-school day educational programming, providing young people with intentional, high quality, equitable learning experiences that promote positive interactions among adults & peers.

Housing / Emergency Shelter

(BC + LC) Jackson Street Youth Services

Jackson Street Youth Services offers youth a safe place to live and resources to work through crises and towards a brighter, more stable future. Founded to fill a gap in housing for homeless youth, we now serve youth throughout Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

Legal

Local Bar Association

(BC) Linn-Benton Bar Association

Are you looking for a reputable attorney in Benton County? Members of the Linn-Benton Bar Association assist local residents and businesses with high-quality representation for all their legal needs.

(BC + LC) OGALLA Bar Association

OGALLA, the LGBT Bar Association of Oregon, was formed to promote the just and fair treatment of all people regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. The OGALLA bar association continues to identify the causes of prejudice and supports organizations that assist in eliminating them.

Family Law Attorney

(BC + LC) Judah Largent, Largent Law LLC

Largent Law is a juvenile law practice serving Northwestern Oregon. While each of the lawyers serving CASA youth in Benton and Lincoln County is LGBTQ+ competent, Judah has the most specialized expertise – he has served as an advocate and activist for the LGBTQ+ community for many years.

Other Legal Resources

(BC + LC) Basic Rights Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon is an American nonprofit LGBTQ+ rights organization based in Portland, Oregon. It is the largest advocacy, education, and political organization working in Oregon to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

(BC + LC) Oregon State Bar - LGBTQ Rights

This webpage provides a brief discussion of Oregon laws relating to employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination, other discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, or the impact of sexual orientation for criminal charges based on sexual activity.

Medical

AIDS/HIV Related Services

(BC + LC) Cascade AIDS Project

CAP promotes well-being and advance equity by providing inclusive health and wellness services for LGBTQ+ people, people affected by HIV, and all those seeking compassionate care.

(BC + LC) Robin McKelvey, MD

Internal Medicine, HIV+ Care, and LGBTQ+ Medicine at Corvallis Clinic

Dental

(BC) Amity M. Wrolstad, DMD

Dentist at Willamette Dental Group - Corvallis

(LC) Shannon L. English, DDS

Dentist at Willamette Dental Group - Lincoln City

Pediatricians

(BC + LC) Carolina Amador, MD

Pediatrician at Benton Health Services - Lincoln Health Center

(BC) Christy Rivers, DO

Pediatrician at Corvallis Clinic

(BC) Timothy Quiner, MD

Pediatrician at Corvallis Family Medicine

Primary Care / Gender-Affirming Care

(LC) Integrity Coastal Health & Wellness

Integrity Coastal Health & Wellness provides the full spectrum of primary care & gynecologic services. We are also proud to be the only medical practice on the central Oregon coast offering specialty health services specifically to trans, non-binary, & genderfluid individuals, and are committed to providing a safe, respectful, welcoming space to the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

(BC) Olivia Danforth, MD

Family Medicine and Gender-Affirming Medical Care at Samaritan Family Medicine - Geary Street

(BC + LC) Robin McKelvey, MD

Internal Medicine, HIV+ Care, and LGBTQ+ Medicine at Corvallis Clinic

(BC) Courtney A. Mitchell, FNP-C

Family Medicine specializing in care for the LGBTQ+ community at Corvallis Clinic

Mental Health

(BC) Old Mill Center Child & Family Counseling

Old Mill Center's counseling program provides high-quality individual, family, and group therapy for children ages 3-18. Our team is ready to support children affected by anxiety, family violence, sexual abuse, abandonment, self-harm, parental substance abuse, and more.

(LC) Ollala Center

The Olalla Center provides mental health and community services in Lincoln County. The Olalla Center celebrates and honors the uniqueness and diversity of all individuals. They promote health equity and inclusivity in all services and programs.

(BC) Trillium Family Services / Children's Farm Home

The Children's Farm Home is a residential treatment facility for children and teens, operated by Trillium Family Services. We equip children and their families with the right tools to understand their challenges, treat their conditions, and gain new skills in order to effectively manage their mental and behavioral health needs.

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Services

(BC) ABC House

ABC House provides child abuse assessments and trauma counseling to ensure children impacted by abuse receive the services needed to heal and live a healthy and happy life.

(BC + LC) Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)

CARDV provides 24-Hr crisis response, emergency shelter, support, and legal advice to those who have experienced sexual

assault or domestic violence. People of all genders and sexual orientations are welcomed at CARDV. (Office and shelter are located in Corvallis, but Lincoln County residents can still call the crisis & support line for assistance).

• 24-Hr Crisis & Support Line – Call: <u>541-754-0110</u> or <u>1-800-927-0197</u> | <u>Live Chat</u> (M-F 10-4)

(BC) Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center.

The Children's Advocacy Center is a non-profit day-use facility that strives to reduce trauma to child abuse victims through effective evaluation, treatment and advocacy in a secure and healing environment and to prevent child abuse in all its forms. (Note – the name says "Children's" but they also serve youth/teens!)

(LC) My Safe Place / My Sister's Place.

MSP's mission is to comprehensively support those affected by interpersonal violence in Lincoln County by providing shelter, practical assistance, promoting community awareness, and actively working

(BC + LC) The NW Network

The NW Network offers one-on-one advocacy-based counseling to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and questioning youth and young adults (13-24) around a wide range of issues, such as dating violence, bullying, hate violence, physical and sexual assault, exploitation, harassment, and experiences in the sex trades. Centering youth empowerment and self-determination, we also work with queer and trans youth to develop healthy relationship skills and stronger support networks.

Religious / Spiritual

- (LC) Atonement Lutheran Church (Newport)
- (BC + LC) Beit Am Mid-Willamette Valley Jewish Community
- (LC) <u>Central Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Newport)</u>
- (LC) Congregational Church of Lincoln City (UCC)
- (BC) First Christian Church (Corvallis)
- (BC) <u>First Congregational Church of Corvallis</u>
- (BC) First Presbyterian Church (Corvallis)
- (LC) First Presbyterian Church (Newport)
- (BC) First United Methodist Church (Corvallis)
- (BC) Grace Lutheran Church (Corvallis)
- (LC) St. Stephen Episcopal Church (Newport)
- (LC) Trinity United Methodist Church (Toledo)
- (BC) Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

Social/Support Groups

Adoption

(BC + LC) Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center

The Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center (ORPARC) is a nonprofit program providing services for Oregon DHS adoptive and assisted guardianship families.

Family & Allies

(BC+LC) Oregon LGBTQ Youth & Family Resources

Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) and the Family Acceptance Project are working together to increase family support for LGBTQ children, youth and young adults. Resources included here focus on services and support for LGBTQ youth and families in Oregon and some national LGBTQ resources.

(BC) Oregon Central Coast PFLAG

PFLAG is the first and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, their parents and families, and allies.

(BC) PFLAG Salem

PFLAG is the first and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, their parents and families, and allies. (The Salem chapter is now the nearest one to Benton County; there was a Corvallis/Albany PFLAG chapter that had to shut down due to COVID-19, but hopefully it will be revived in the near future!)

Foster/Resource/Kinship Families

(BC + LC) KEEP: Foster & Kinship Family Support Group

KEEP is an evidence-based support and skill enhancement education program for foster and kinship parents of children aged 5 to 12 and teens (KEEP SAFE™). The program supports foster families by promoting child well-being and preventing placement breakdowns.

LGBTQ+ Groups & Pride Centers

(BC) LGBTQ Corvallis

LGBTQ Corvallis is dedicated to providing affirming and accurate information for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, (LGBTQQIAA) people and their allies of Corvallis and the surrounding communities.

(BC) OSU Pride Center

The Pride Center affirms the identities and empowers the lives of people who are LGBTQQIAA by providing education, outreach, program support, consultation, community development, visibility, and advocacy. The Pride Center is a safe space for all members of our community to explore aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity in an open and non-judgmental atmosphere.

(LC) Newport Pride

Newport Pride creates programs and activities to enrich, empower, strengthen, and make visible the unique lives and experiences of LGBTQIA2S+ people on the Oregon Coast.

(BC) Pride Corvallis

PRIDE Corvallis is committed to connecting the LGBTQ+ community virtually. Join their Facebook group to get involved with local Pride events, and network and build community with other local LGBTQ+ folks!

Transgender/Non-Binary/Gender-Expansive

(LC) Cemtral Oregon Coast Trans Community

Central Oregon Coast Trans Community is the only trans-specific group on the central coast. This group's mission is to provide information, resources, consultation, advocacy, and support to our trans community.

(BC) Mid-Willamette Transgender Support Network

The Mid-Willamette Transgender Support Network is a grassroots organization providing support and safe spaces for the local transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming community. This organization hosts several monthly support groups such as the Transmasculine Support Group, Nonbinary Meetup, and the Trans & Gender Expansive Support group.

Youth Groups/Programs

(BC) Cheldelin Middle School - Pride Club

Whether you're an ally, questioning or part of the LGBTQ+ community; we're here to provide a confidential space for students to support each other. Come hang out, and chat in an accepting place.

(BC) Corvallis High School – Sexuality And Gender Alliance (SAGA) Club

A Corvallis High School-sponsored GSA group that promotes understanding, acceptance and inclusion of all.

(BC) Crescent Valley High School – PRIDE Club

A Crescent Valley High School-sponsored club for LGBTQ+ students and their allies to find support, promote inclusive policies, and plan activities.

(BC) Intersection Connection (Old Mill Center)

"Intersection Connection" is a safe space and youth group for teens in the peer-queer community! Stay connected with other Teen Youth (open to grades 6-12), make friends, learn skills, and increase self-confidence. Social and Leadership skills, self-esteem building, and positive self-talk will be the focus of our group. Meets every Monday on Zoom – click the link above for more info and to register!

(BC) Out 'N' About

Out 'N' About is an LGBTQ+ youth support group for high schoolers in Linn and Benton counties. Out 'N' About offers a safe and welcoming environment for teens to find allies, friendship, and information about LGBTQ+ issues, history, or resources. Out 'N' About is currently planning on hosting in-person meetings once again at First United Methodist Church. For updates about future meetings visit the link above or email outnaboutyouth@gmail.com.

(LC) Newport High School Gay-Straight Alliance

A Newport High School-sponsored GSA group that promotes understanding, acceptance and inclusion of all.

(LC) **Project Bravery**

Project Bravery seeks to foster bravery, empowerment, and advocacy within LGBTQIA2S+ youth in our community. Created from the need to address the isolation, social rejection, and lack of resources facing rural LGBTQIA2S+ youth, Project Bravery strives to create safe space, promote visibility and acceptance, build equitable resources, and strengthen our community with courage and compassion.

National Organizations and Local Chapters

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

The American Civil Liberties Union is a nonprofit organization founded in 1920 "to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States." They fight for the rights of many underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community. (ACLU of Oregon)

GLAAD

GLAAD rewrites the script for LGBTQ acceptance. As a dynamic media force, GLAAD tackles tough issues to shape the narrative and provoke dialogue that leads to cultural change. GLAAD protects all that has been accomplished and creates a world where everyone can live the life they love. (GLAAD Articles – Oregon)

Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

GLSEN is an American education organization working to end discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression and to prompt LGBT cultural inclusion and awareness in K-12 schools. (GLSEN Oregon)

GSA Network

GSA Network is a nonprofit organization that assists students with starting Genders & Sexualities Alliances (GSA) to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools. (Start a GSA)

Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

The Human Rights Campaign envisions a world where every member of the LGBTQ+ family has the freedom to live their truth without fear, and with equality under the law. We empower our 3 million members and supporters to mobilize against attacks on the most marginalized people in our community. (HRC Oregon)

It Gets Better Project

The It Gets Better Project's mission is to uplift, empower, and connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) youth around the globe. (It Gets Better – Stories from Oregon)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

• 24-Hr Suicide Prevention Lifeline – Call: <u>1-800-273-8255</u>

PFLAG

PFLAG is the first and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, their parents and families, and allies. (PFLAG Oregon Central Coast) (PFLAG Salem)

Trevor Project

The Trevor Project provides 24/7 crisis support services to LGBTQ young people. Text, chat, or call anytime to reach a trained counselor.

• 24-Hr Crisis Support Line for Youth – Call: <u>1-866-488-7386</u>