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CFH'S LGBTQ+ PROGRAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Community Partner Events

World AIDS Day: Posada en Honor

Wednesday, 12/1: 7-9pm

Heritage Square in Downtown Oxnard



OHS Wellness Center Tree Lighting

Friday, 12/3: 3:30-5pm

Oxnard High School Wellness Center



CAN-tree Drive with VC Food Share

Friday, 12/10 - Sunday, 12/12

Figueroa Plaza in Downtown Ventura



Pansexual/Panromantic Pride

Day

December 8th

[Elana Rubin Explains What "Pansexual" Means | InQueery | them.](#)

50 Trans Americans Killed In The U.S. in 2021

Nikai David, a 33-year-old Black trans woman, was recently murdered in Oakland, CA. 2021 remains the worst year on record for fatal violence against trans people in the U.S., a record that was previously set by 2020 with a total of 44 anti-trans murders reported. As in prior years, the vast majority of victims have been Black trans women.

3 Ways To Be An Informed Advocate for Trans People

News Links:

- [Chile Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage at Fraught Political Moment](#)
- [Man arrested for threatening to attack LGBTQ community with guns, bombs](#)
- [Injectable, Long-Acting PrEP Could Be Here As Soon as February](#)
- [Canada bans LGBTQ 'conversion therapy' as France moves to criminalize it](#)



At The Intersections

LGBTQ+ Youth Experiencing Displacement & Homelessness

LGBTQ+ youth have a **120% higher risk** of becoming unhoused than other youth. Lack of safe housing makes them more susceptible to food insecurity, sexual assault, sex trafficking, exposure to drugs and HIV, and incarceration.

40% Of Homeless Youth Are LGBTQ - What We Can Do

A Tedx talk by Melissa Moore in Charleston, South Carolina. Drawing from life experience, Moore confronts the fact that systemic oppression and homophobia directly results in homelessness for LGBTQ+ youth. Moore states, "when you're young and you're gay, and you're homeless [...] you kind of just disappear into the background." Later they continue with, "While [LGBTQ+ youth] make up about 10% of the entire population of youth, they represent up to 40% of all youth experiencing homelessness."



Source: TEDx Talks



Source: Chosen Family: Stories of Queer Resilience

The Harsh Reality of LGBT+ Homeless Youth

An episode of *Stories of Queer Resilience* about the realities of LGBTQ+ displaced youth in LA, specifically those who end up at the LGBT center. Alexandra Grey, trans actress and singer who once stayed at the Los Angeles LGBT center, moved to California after being kicked out of her foster parent's home in Chicago. "I grew up in foster care, I was in 7 different foster homes [...] when I came out as trans to my foster family [they said] 'well you can't be that way here, there are other kids in the family' and I had no where else to go."

Helping LGBTQ homeless youth is personal for Ruth Ellis Staff

A short documentary highlighting the work done at the Ruth Ellis Center, a drop-in shelter that aims to minimize harm for queer and trans homeless youth. Lilianna Reyes, the director of the center, states "I am not a biological mother, I am a gay mother, a chosen mother. And just like any other mother, I've fed them and I've housed them. When I see the youth come in and I see them be able to be their authentic selves, where they can be happy and be as loud as they want to be, it is beautiful because not only do I see myself but I see who I could have been."



Source: LGBTQ Nation