



# LGBTQ+ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Women's Equality Day

August 26, 2024

On Women's Equality Day, we commemorate the efforts of those groundbreaking activists, celebrate the remarkable achievements of women, and reaffirm our commitment to equality under the law.

## Other August Holidays

- **August 14:** Gay Uncles Day
- **August 20:** Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



## Community Partner Events



### 25th Annual Ventura County Pride

Ventura County Pride Festival is a weekend-long event in August with over 5,000 attendees that celebrates the LGBTQ community, supporters, and allies in Ventura County.

**August 17, 2024**

**Plaza Park in Downtown Ventura**

**Noon - 6pm**

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## This Month in LGBTQ+ History

August 18, 1990

President George H. W. Bush signs the Ryan White Care Act, a federally funded program for people living with AIDS



## LGBTQ+ News Links

- [Another Kick in the Gut: Biden's Pardons Still Fall Short for Many LGBTQ Veterans](#)
- [Should police be part of Pride? To LGBTQ San Diegans, it comes down to 'what our community defines as safety'](#)
- [Out in the World: LGBTQ news from Europe and Asia](#)



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## LGBTQ+ Educational Reports

### LGBTQ Parenting in the US



“Parents represent an important demographic and social experience within the U.S. across subpopulations, including among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ (LGBTQ) people. Yet, most research on parenting benefits and challenges, as well as demographic characteristics of parents, remains focused on cisgender heterosexual individuals. This report analyzes multiple data sources to provide a current sociodemographic portrait of LGBTQ parents in the United States. Throughout this summary and report, we use the term parent to describe adults who identify as the biological, adoptive, step, or foster parent of a child under the age of 18 who is living in the same household...”

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### Rapid Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy for People with HIV

“Antiretroviral therapy (ART) is recommended for all people with HIV to improve and preserve their health and to reduce transmission of HIV to others. Increasingly, rapid ART starts have become a clinical and public health priority, with the Department of Health and Human Services Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents recommending that ART be started as soon as possible after HIV diagnosis. Definitions of what constitutes a rapid start of ART vary; the most stringent is also termed immediate ART and occurs when ART is prescribed on the same day an HIV diagnosis is delivered. This fact sheet reviews the potential benefits and rationale for rapid ART starts, outlines potential pitfalls, and offers practical, evidence-based tips on ART selection for rapid starts...”

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