

Local Resources

Biloxi/Gulfport

Gulf Coast Equality Council is a non-profit organization based in Gulfport, MS comprised of LGBTQ+ individuals and allies whose purpose is to bring the Mississippi Gulf Coast community together with resources in an effort to foster and encourage equality while celebrating diversity.

- In addition to providing a yearly Gulf Coast Equality Festival, GCEC aims to provide community outreach and education to the general public and the LGBTQ+ community about needs, issues, and various aspects of LGBTQ+ culture.
- Offers an LGBTQ+ Friendly Business list covering a broad range of resources
- Contact information: 11975 Seaway Road (Suite A-320), Gulfport, MS 39503
 - Phone: 601-658-9449
 - Website: <https://www.gulfcoastequalitycouncil.org/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EqualityMS/>

Gulf Coast Association of Pride is dedicated to providing resources to our local LGBTQ+ community. It is their goal to inspire, celebrate, educate, and commemorate the Mississippi Gulf Coast's unique and diverse LGBTQ+ community.

- In addition to providing a yearly Gulf Coast Pride Event, GCAP is committed to developing and maintaining a network of resources that will be available to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Contact Information: P.O. Box 828, Biloxi, MS 39533
 - Phone: 228-265-9175
 - Email: info@gcpride.org
 - Website: <https://gcpride.org/>

USM Gulf Park Alliance for Equality aims to clearly and continuously communicate LGBTQ+ students' value to the community at-large and to validate their experiences on the USM Gulf Park campus. The Alliance for Equality offers a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students on the USM Gulf Park campus.

- Meeting time and location TBA
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Mobile

Rainbow Mobile is a non-profit organization based in Mobile, AL. They aim to serve the needs of the LGBTQ+ community through advocacy, education, community building/networking, improving access to affirming resources, and visibility. They aim to have a physical resource center in the future. You may have recently seen headlines regarding their recent effort to install a permanent rainbow crosswalk in downtown Mobile!

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- Their website has an extensive list of LGBTQ+ friendly businesses and resources located in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.
- Phone: 251-333-1144
- Email: info@rainbowmobile.org
- Website: <https://rainbowmobile.org/>
- Facebook Support Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1774475249530230/>

People Engaged In Recovery (PEIR) offers a safe place for those seeking and in long-term recovery to have fun, fellowship, and find resources

- LGBTQ+ Specific Group held on Mondays from 6-7pm
- Address: 2534 Government Blvd., Mobile, AL 36606 (Phone: 888-421-7347)
- See Flyer Below for more details:



PEIR Flyer.pdf

Hattiesburg

Hattiesburg Spectrum Center is a non-profit community resource center in Hattiesburg, MS. They host several different social events, support groups (e.g. trans and gender non-conforming, LGBTQ+ youth and Trans 101), and free HIV testing.

- The Spectrum Center also offers services such as a clothing swap (to obtain gender affirming clothing in a safe environment) and reference to LGBT+ friendly mental health care providers, medical providers, and law practitioners.
- Website: <https://thespectrumcenterofhattiesburg.godaddysites.com/>
- Facebook (with events listed): <https://www.facebook.com/TheSpectrumCenter/>
- Address: 210 South 25th Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
- Phone: 601-310-6185

Pensacola

Gay Grassroots of Northwestern Florida is a non-profit organization with a mission to bring together non-partisan activists to advocate for full understanding, respect, equality, and inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons living in northwestern Florida.

- Gay Grassroots of NW Florida help to put on the annual Pensacola Pride event
- Host regularly occurring social and educational events.
- Offers an extensive website of resources: Pensacola LGBT Directory
 - Website: <https://pensacolalgbt.com/>
- Contact information: 6847 North 9th Avenue (Suite A, Bos 317), Pensacola, FL 32504
 - Website: <https://www.ggnwfl.com/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GayGrassrootsNWFL>

Gulf Coast Transgender Alliance is a transgender support group dedicated to providing a safe and empathetic environment for members and supporters of the transgender community to find resources, make new friends, and explore healthy ways of coping with a variety of gender spectrum issues.

- Monthly Support Group Meetings
- Website: <https://www.gulfcoasttransgenderalliance.com/>
- Contact: 850-332-8416 (gctransgenderalliance@gmail.com)

Hotlines and Online Resources

- The Bisexual Resource Center:
 - Provides education and resources related to bisexuality and bisexual identity development
 - Website: <http://biresource.org>
- CDC National STD and AIDS Hotline:
 - Provides information and local resources to those in need of information concerning STD/HIV/AIDS.
 - Phone: 800-342-2437
 - Hours: Available 24/7.
- GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender) National Hotline:
 - The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) National Hotline provides telephone, online private one-to-one chat and email peer-support, as well as factual information and local resources for cities and towns across the United States.
 - Hotline Number: 888-843-4564
 - Hours: Monday-Friday, 4 pm to midnight, and Saturday, noon to 5 pm Eastern Standard Time.
- LGBT National Health Center:
 - Provides confidential peer support for sexual minorities via phone, text, and chat
 - Website: <http://www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org>
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
 - Offers support for individuals in crisis and have a page dedicated to resources for sexual minorities including their own hotline
 - Phone: 800-273-8255
 - Website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/lgbtq/>
- Point of Pride
 - Works to benefit trans people in need through gender-affirming support programs that empower them to live more authentically. They offer an annual transgender survey fund, a free chest binder donation program, a free trans-femme shapewear program,

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and an electrolysis (hair removal) financial support programs in addition to advocating for health care reform and national policy changes.

- Website: <https://pointofpride.org/>
- Pride.com
 - Provides a list of possible resources including how to locate an inclusive mental health provider
 - Website: <https://www.pride.com/lgbt/2016/6/13/get-started-guide-lgbt-mental-health-resources>
- SAGE LGBTQ Elder Hotline:
 - A place to call when you need to talk. Offers peer-to-peer support without judgment. Listens to those who are often very isolated and sometimes still closeted. Answers factual questions regarding safer-sex information. Gives local resource information using the largest LGBTQ resource database in the country.
 - Phone: 888-234-SAGE
 - Hours: Monday to Friday: 3 PM-11 PM. Saturday: 11 AM-4PM.
 - Website: <https://www.sageusa.org/>
- Trans Lifeline:
 - A free hotline staffed by transgender people for transgender people. Trans Lifeline volunteers are ready to respond to whatever support needs members of our community might have. They also offer micro-grants to help pay for updated, gender affirming IDs.
 - Phone: 877-565-8860
 - Website: <https://www.translifeline.org>
- The Transgender American Veterans Association (TAVA):
 - a non-profit organization that acts proactively with other LGBTQ+ organization to ensure that transgender veterans will receive appropriate care for their medical conditions in accordance with the Veterans Health Administration's Customer Service Standards. Further, TAVA helps to education Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) on issues regarding fair and equal treatment of transgender individuals.
 - Includes links to various resources including VA Peer Support Groups
 - Website: <http://transveteran.org/>
- The Trevor Project
 - Provides resources and support services to LGBT Youths (under 25)
 - Website: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org>
- Veterans Crisis Line

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- Provides Veterans in crisis or those concerned about one a caring, qualified responder within the Department of Veterans Affairs (many of which are Veterans themselves)
- This service is available 24/7 and is open to all veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve, and their family and friends.
- Three primary ways of using this service:
 - Call: 800-273-8255 (and Press 1) (Those who are deaf or hearing impaired can call 800-799-4889)
 - Chat online at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>
 - Text 838255