



BELONGING BEGINS HERE

Safer and affirming Spaces

Open Tuesday-Friday beginning at 3:00 p.m., the Drop-in Center at KYC offers a space to belong. Programming offers social activities and opportunities for mutual support, both in-person and virtually.

Supporting School Communities

KYC is a member of the National Association of GSA (Genders & Sexualities Alliance) Networks and is the state hub for the Ohio GSA Network. We provide support to GSAs throughout the state, empowering and training youth leaders and staff advocates.

Improving Lives

KYC's Community Based Wellness program provides coordinated, direct access to wraparound services through partnerships with local organizations. We also offer housing opportunities that center and serve homeless and housing insecure/vulnerable LGBTQIA+ young adults ages 18-24.

Racial Justice

KYC celebrates the multiple identities that LGBTQIA+ youth hold. We are committed to advocacy for racial justice, equity, and visibility. KYC also provides anti-racism training opportunities through an intersectional lens.

Civic Engagement

KYC works to advocate for LGBTQIA+ state legislation. KYC is part of several statewide coalitions and is in conversation with state legislators to uplift youth voices. We also stand ready to fight against the anti-trans bills that continue to be introduced in Ohio's state legislature.

Professional Training

We provide professional development workshops, consultation, advocacy, and support to youth-serving professionals, such as schools, and organizations with an interest in learning more about gender and sexuality, youth experiences, and the best practices for affirming LGBTQIA+ individuals. We now also offer CEU's!



KYC FAQs

For other questions, contact info@kycoho.org or call 614-294-5437 or visit kycoho.org.



What are your hours?

Our Drop-in center hours are 3:30pm - 7pm Tuesday - Thursday, and 3:30pm - 8pm Friday for youth ages 12-20. We also have a Discord server! Check our social media and website calendar for specific programs and hours!

Where are you located?

Our Drop-in Center is located at 603 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215.

How do I/my child sign-up for programming?

You do not have to register to show up to the drop-in center! First-time program participants will be asked to fill out a "New Youth Survey" for us to acquire demographic information, emergency contacts, and any allergy or assistance information. You can fill this form out ahead of your visit at kycoho.org/programming.

Can I attend the space with my child?

At 3pm, KYC is closed to anyone who is over 20 or under 12 years old. This includes parents, guardians, family, counselors, etc. Only KYC staff and volunteers with background checks and who have completed training led by KYC are permitted to attend programming. If you'd like to schedule a tour prior to 3pm, please complete this form: tinyurl.com/KYCTourRequest

How much does it cost to participate in KYC programs?

All of KYC's youth-serving programs are **FREE**.

What do I do if I am in need of safe housing or other resources?

If you contact KYC, we offer both Rapid Re-Housing, and supportive Co-Housing to offer safe housing for LGBTQ+ young people. We also partner with other organizations to offer safe places to stay as well. If you need safe housing please fill out our form at tinyurl.com/housingKYC and one of our community based wellness staff will be in contact with you. You can also reach out to us anytime at kycoho.org/housing or emailing communitywellness@kycoho.org.

Recommendations for LGBTQ+ inclusive therapist/doctor?

KYC has behavioral health services coming soon! For now, we suggest starting with Clintonville Counseling & Wellness, and Syntero. Nationwide Children's THRIVE program is also a good place to start for trans-inclusive healthcare.

Do you offer Drop-in Center programs outside of Columbus?

Currently, we have some groups in Union County. However, any youth can join us for our virtual programs on Discord or follow us on social media. Sign-up for Discord through kycoho.org/programming.

How can I volunteer?

Our volunteer opportunities include days of service, working with youth in the Drop-in Center, and volunteering at events. Learn more at kycoho.org/volunteers.



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