

Olalla Center's

Project Bravery

Celebrating and Serving the LGBTQIA2S+
Community
of Lincoln County

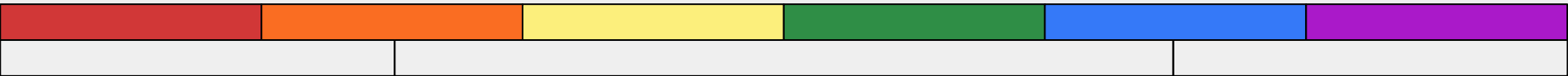
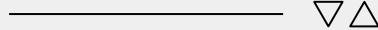


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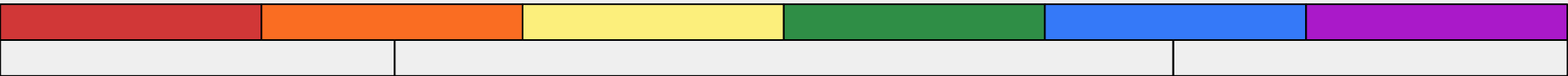
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Connecting

Connect LGBTQIA2S+ members of Lincoln County with basic resources:

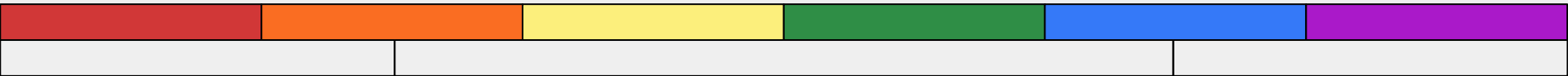
- ★ Housing
- ★ Food
- ★ Clothing
- ★ Healthcare
- ★ Financial Assistance/Planning



Sponsoring

Sponsor and/or Partner to provide LGBTQIA2S+ people of Lincoln County with activities in order to prevent/alleviate:

- ★ Social Isolation / Depression
- ★ Substance Use Disorder (including use of tobacco and alcohol)
- ★ Suicidality





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Partners & Activities





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Partners

- NW Coastal Housing
- Food Share of Lincoln County
- Many local, inclusive churches
- Integrity Coastal Health & Wellness
- ReConnections
- Many more partnerships to



Activities

- Bright Horizons
- Arts
- Yoga
- Nature walks / Beach cleanups
- Kayaking
- More, depending on what the Bravery community wants

be made throughout Lincoln County



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Behavioral Health at Project Bravery



Lincoln County Stats

County Population

50,813 (2022)

Persons Under 18

15.4%

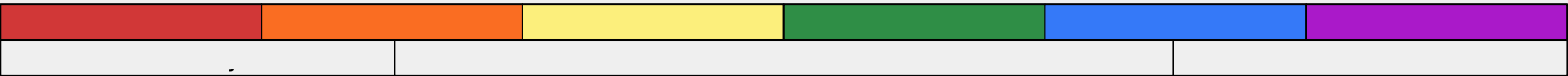
Current client count
(LGBTQIA2S+)

27

LGBTQIA2S+ Youth
(Under 25)

14

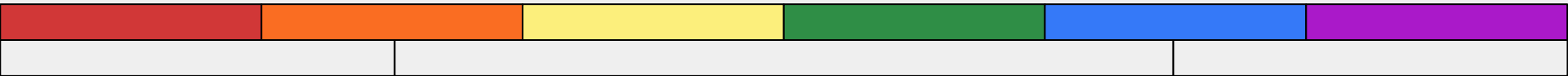
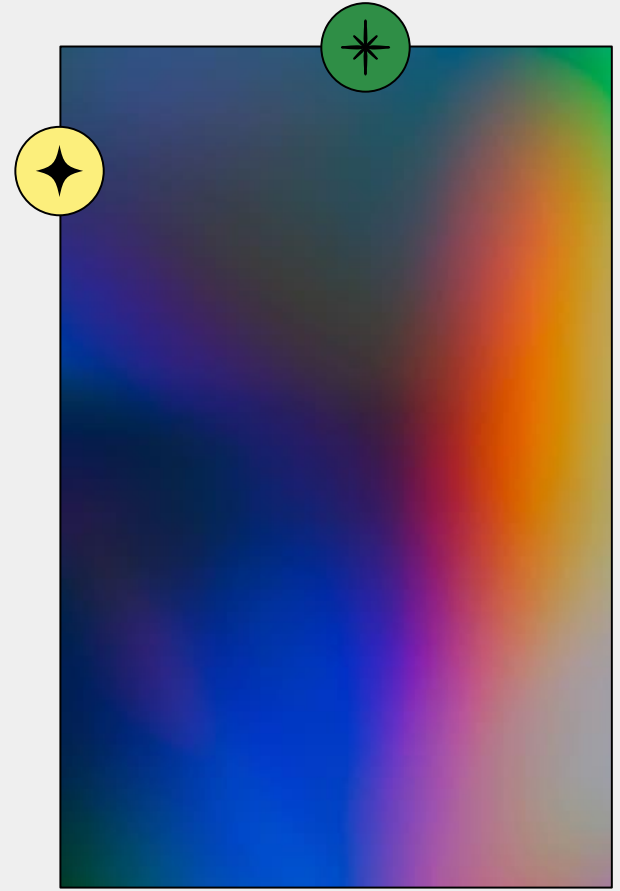
Top Three Diagnosis - Major Depressive Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Gender Dysphoria





Trends

- Co-occurrence of mental health with Autism Spectrum and/or ADHD/ADD
- Pervasive bullying at school or in community
- Relocation from other states to receive trans-affirming care
- Increase in Queer / Questioning / Non-Binary services
- Increased isolation marked by gaming, social media, and online consumption
- Cosseting Parent or Non-Affirming Parent(s)
- Access to services or supports locally is limited or unavailable





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Libraries & the LGBTQIA2S+ Community



Equity of Access Issues

Source - American Library Association

- The [Library Bill of Rights](#) affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas and provides for access to information for all people.
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender peoples' access to libraries may be limited or prohibited by many issues, including:
 - Collections which do not present LGBTQIA+ content or perspectives. LGBTQIA+ materials can often be censored under partisan or doctrinal disapproval
 - Environments which are not welcoming or inclusive of LGBTQIA+ people and which, through actions by staff or other patrons, may be made unwelcome to LGBTQIA+ people and their families
 - Programs which do not address the LGBTQIA+ experience
 - Services which are not promoted to LGBTQIA+ populations or in collaborations with local LGBTQIA+ organizations





Creating Safer Spaces at Libraries

Source – GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network)

“With your help, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth can use your library to enrich their lives as they search the web, read and explore your collection to learn about themselves and the world around them.” – Jenny

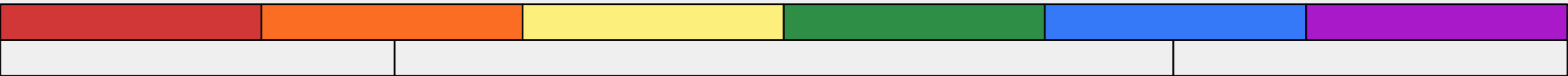
Betz – GLSEN
Find out how you can make your library safer and more affirming for LGBT Youth check out [Tools for Librarians](#).



Creating Safer Spaces at Libraries

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- Do your **library rules** include respect for visitors and are posted where everyone can see them?
- Do you **intervene** when you see name-calling or bullying?
- Does your collection include books and media (**LGBTQIA2S+**) for all?
- Do you **ensure access** to **LGBTQIA2S+** content on the internet
- Do you **celebrate LGBTQIA2S+ events** such as Pride Month (June)?
- Do you **incorporate LGBTQIA2S+ materials** into other events, such as Banned Books Week (September), or Black History Month
- Are your library restrooms **safe and accessible** for transgender youth?
- Do you provide space for **Genders & Sexualities Alliances (GSA)** to meet?



Teen Mental Health Matters...
Every Library Can Make a Difference!



Thank You!

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PROJECT BRAVERY

If you identify as **LGBTQIA2S+** and you are looking for **activities** (riding horses, arts, hikes, beach cleanups, book clubs, civic action, just hanging out) or **resources** (clothes, food, housing, healthcare, financial assistance and/or planning) in **Lincoln County**, please contact us.

PROYECTO VALENTÍA

Si usted se identifica como **LGBTQIA2S+** y está buscando **actividades** (cabalgar, arte, caminatas, limpieza de playas, clubes de lectura, acción cívica, simplemente pasar el rato) o **recursos** (ropa, comida, vivienda, atención médica, asistencia financiera y/o planificación) en el **Condado de Lincoln**, por favor comuníquese con nosotros.

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