



**You Are  
Welcome Here.**

# OUR HEART

“ All people deserve a diverse, inclusive,



accepting and welcoming safe space. ”

We are Ventura County's LGBTQ community. We believe that all people deserve a diverse, inclusive, accepting and welcoming safe space. In lifting each other up even when it's hard, we build allies, opportunities and resources to live our best lives and help those around us do the same.

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# OUR PLACES & PROGRAMS

## CRC

Our Community Resource Center provides a safe space for the LGBTQIA community of Ventura County. Here, our staff and volunteers support the health and wellness of the most marginalized; advocate for equality and justice through civic engagement; and work to build a culturally rich community through various groups and classes. At the Diversity Collective Community Resource Center, we strengthen, support, and connect our LGBTQIA community. Together we all thrive.

## Educational Services

Diversity Collective is a place where people can learn, dialogue, grow, and be supported with knowledge and skills to be an effective change agent for the community. In conjunction with Ventura County Behavioral Health, we provide **R.I.S.E. LGBTQ+ Training** that focuses on emotional and social permanency. This gives wellness providers, family, and friends the tools they need to Recognize, Intervene, Support, and Empower LGBTQ+ individuals in their care or circle.

## Youth Support

The **Rainbow Umbrella Program**, in conjunction with Ventura County Behavioral Health, provides peer-based support for youth LGBTQ+ and allies aged 13 to 23. At our weekly peer-based support group, led by a team of compassionate adult facilitators, we provide a meal and a variety of fun educational activities, presentations, and check-ins designed to give our youth tools to enrich their overall mental and physical health.

## HIV & AIDS

The still-existing stigma around HIV and AIDS makes "being in the know" a scary proposition for many in our community. Diversity Collective believes we are all in this together and that knowing your status is another tool to living a healthier, more informed life. We provide free, **rapid HIV testing**, where all appointments are completely confidential and performed by a trained testing counselor. We are considered a **community resource** for questions about HIV and AIDS as well prevention method options and resources for those who test positive.

Our programs and resources encourage social interaction and fellowship. We offer resources for the health and well-being of our whole community.



A photograph showing the back of two individuals at what appears to be a community event. The person on the right has dark skin and short, curly hair, wearing large hoop earrings and a beaded necklace. The person on the left has light skin and long, braided hair. Both are wearing vibrant rainbow-colored scarves. The background is bright and out of focus, suggesting an outdoor setting with many people.

# SIGNATURE EVENTS

These events are not only fun and fabulous, they provide critical revenue in support of our Community Resource Center and our programs.



## Ventura County Pride

Stand Out Stand Proud! Ventura County Pride Festival is a weekend-long event that celebrates the LGBTQ community, supporters, and allies in Ventura County. Our mission for Pride weekend is to educate, advocate, and celebrate the LGBTQ community while providing a platform for those most marginalized in our own community. We promote diversity, education, mental, and physical health to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and the Latinx population as well as the general public.

## Pride Prom

Pride Prom of Ventura is an LGBTQIA+ oriented prom that aims to promote individuality and acceptance among all orientations and gender identities while celebrating diversity and the strive for equality.

## Diversity Gala

Each year we host a Diversity Gala Awards Ceremony where we honor and recognize individual community members and organizations who have done exceptional work in Ventura County over the last year within the LGBTQ+ community and around HIV and AIDS. All proceeds raised at our annual gala go to sustain the Community Resource Center and its staff.

## AIDS Walk Ventura

Through AIDS Walk Ventura we raise awareness about HIV and AIDS and to fund Diversity Collective's HIV-AIDS Education and Prevention Program. It's a fun, healthy way for friends, families, and teams of co-workers to raise awareness and help do their part in the fight against HIV & AIDS in Ventura County.

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## SPONSOR AN EVENT!

Consider sponsoring an event with financial or in-kind support – it's not only good for your brand, it's good for the community!

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# WE DO WHAT WE DO BECAUSE OF YOU.

Diversity Collective of Ventura County is only able to help our community because of our incredible network of supporters including sponsors, donors and volunteers. Without you, we would not exist.

## WHY SUPPORT DIVERSITY COLLECTIVE?

Donations keep Diversity Collective Ventura County growing and thriving! It is our mission to make our Community Resource Center self-sustaining through individual donations and fundraisers. We can't rely on grants and government subsidies – we need your help, too.

Please consider a one-time or monthly donation today. Be confident that your resources will be put to use to powerfully impact those in our community who desperately need it as we:

- Support the health and wellness of the most marginalized.
- Advocate for equality and justice for the LGBTQ+ community through civic engagement.
- Work to build a culturally rich local community through various groups and classes.

If the Diversity Collective has made an impact on your life or in the life of someone you love, consider supporting our cause in whatever way you are able. Join us in creating our legacy of community work has improved the health and inclusive culture of Ventura County in countless ways. We sincerely appreciate you.

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# GET INVOLVED

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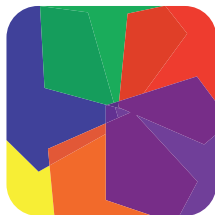
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