

There are many LGBTQ+ resources out there. Here are some that are known locally, and others that are well known on a larger geographic scale. Dig in and check something out if you can. There's always more learning to be done, and it's often the first step toward being an ally for a child, youth, or peer. In doing so, you'll also be supporting the work of these fantastic and much-needed organizations.

OUT Central Oregon: <https://outcentraloregon.com/>

OUT Central Oregon develops and supports events and provides information to encourage community involvement and build well-being for the LGBTQ+ community. Phenomenal way to find out about events that build connections and community for LGBTQ+ teens and young adults. Through this site, you can purchase stickers, flags, and other ways to outwardly show your support for anyone identifying as LGBTQ+.

PFLAG Central Oregon: <https://pflag.org/chapter/pflag-bendcentral-oregon>

PFLAG is the first and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, their parents and families, and allies. They are committed to creating a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed.

PFLAG Prineville Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pflagcoprineville/>

A great resource for events happening in Prineville, and posts that keep you up-to-date on activism and efforts toward a more inclusive community.

Gay Straight Alliance Network: <https://gsanetwork.org/>

Trans and queer youth uniting for racial and gender justice. GSA Network is a next-generation LGBTQ racial and gender justice organization that empowers and trains queer, trans and allied youth leaders to advocate, organize, and mobilize an intersectional movement for safer schools and healthier communities.

Local chapter of a GSA Network: Mountain View High School Gender Sexuality Alliance: <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/mountainview/student-life/activities-and-clubs>

Human Dignity Coalition: <https://humandignityco.wordpress.com/>

Human Dignity Coalition (HDC) works to advance and safeguard human rights. They promote equality for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, (LGBTQ) and allied community in Central Oregon.

Jefferson County Oregon LGBTQ+ Resources and Supports: <https://www.facebook.com/LGBTQJeffersonCountyOr/>

This Facebook page was formed to promote and support the health and well-being of LGBTQ+, their families & friends & community, through support, education, providing resources, and advocacy. The page is a great way to stay informed about both local and national advocacy efforts and events.

Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition: oregonsafeschools.org

The Mission of Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition (OSSCC) is to make Oregon schools safe for all students, teachers, and families. OSSCC is the only statewide organization working to decrease bullying and harassment, helping schools to become safer places, and supporting students and parents who seek information or need to report a case of bullying.

Central Oregon Community College's Safe Zone Resources: <https://www.cocc.edu/departments/multicultural/lgbtq-programs/safe-zone-resources.aspx>

This is another site dedicated to promoting resources that address the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. This site also includes information about COCC's Diversity Committee.

The Trevor Project: https://www.thetrevorproject.org/?gclid=EAlalQobChMI0buUsJHf8QIVPjytBh2_RwyCEAAAYASAAEgI7OvD_BwE

Founded in 1998 by the creators of the Academy Award®-winning short film TREVOR, The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning (LGBTQ) young people under 25.

