

How WE support LGBTQ+ Youth

Who is Side by Side and Why this work?

For over 25 years, Side by Side has supported **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth** in Virginia. As we strive to create supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish, we want to ensure families, teachers, counselors, mentors and caring adults are aware of the programs, services and resources we offer.

Richmond LGBTQ+ Youth Programs and Services

Youth Support Groups

- **Youth of Color Group**
 - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **General Support Group**
 - Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **Middle School Group**
 - Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30pm
- **Trans Support Group**
 - Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Youth Services

- Meals provided for groups
- Free Counseling services
- Clothing and hygiene closet
- Housing services (ages 18-25)
- Youth Support Line
888.644.4390
24/7/365

Youth Leadership

- YLC (Youth Leadership Committee) application based program
- Youth Speakers Bureau

How Side by Side Helps the Community

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers help Side by Side do the work we do. Volunteers can bring meals, help at the youth center, support special events and become a volunteer facilitator to work directly with youth.

Informative Trainings for the Broader Community

Trainings on understanding LGBTQ+ identities and how to proactively create an inclusive community where youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. These trainings seek to support individuals and organizations that work with LGBTQ+ youth.

Youth Centered Community Events

Side by Side hosts events and activities that are open to LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-20. They include the annual Richmond Alternative Prom in May, a Pool Party in August and the Youth Pride Village at the VA Pride Festival in September.

"When I am depressed, I like to come here because I feel important, and not once have I ever left here depressed. I can go in sad, but I never leave that way. It's a fun environment that cares about you."
- Side by Side Youth

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