

COLORS+

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We moved in!! Our address is 21139 Lorain Rd. #12 Fairview Park, Ohio. A giant THANK YOU to those who have donated office furniture and other office items. It would be an empty office without you! We also have the opportunity to double the space in the Spring after another tenant moves out as long as we get the necessary funding. This way we can offer the youth more space and be able to offer two groups at the same time. Our counseling department sees anyone ages 6-106.



LGBT+ youth support groups started on 1/23/19 thanks to a mini-grant from the Lakeland Community Foundation Endowment Fund, held by the Community Foundation of Lorain County. We currently are running two groups. One group is for Middle School LGBT+ youth and allies from 3:30pm-4:30pm and the other group is for High School LGBT+ youth and allies from 4:45pm-5:45pm. We hope to add more groups/programming in the near future such as parent/guardian support groups, groups for younger LGBT+ youth, drop-in hours, and other requested programs from LGBT+ youth, allies, families, and parents/guardians as we continue to grow, get more funding/donations, and receive more grants (fingers crossed!). We also are currently in the planning stages for two upcoming events in the Spring! Stay tuned for more information soon! ☺



Remember we are currently collecting items for our Clothing Drive with Savers! Hurry the drive ends on 3/8/19. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. As a reminder, we are collecting "soft goods" only such as clothes, gently used shoes, linens, accessories (purses, hats, etc), bedding, and towels. We can pick up your donations or you can drop them off at our office. Whatever is easiest! Just let us know!



We attended the Zero Proof Mix Off on 12/6/18 hosted by Lorain County Public Health at Lorain County Community College. The Zero Proof Mix Off is a non-alcoholic drink competition that annually draws hundreds of local residents for delicious drinks, live music, prizes, and more. We dressed up as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and created a drink called Colors+ Cowabunga Cocktail. E-mail us if you are interested the recipe! It was a great time and a wonderful opportunity to connect to more people and for Colors+ to become more well-known.

A special thank you to our board members, who have been an invaluable support and who have already helped us so very much throughout this whole process.



Kristen and Lisa Pepera, Founders of Colors+



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