

LGBTQ+ Resources — Richmond Area

You deserve support from people who get it. These organizations are affirming, knowledgeable, and specifically here for LGBTQ+ people in Richmond.

IDs & Documents note: Virginia State ID, Driver's License, and U.S. Passport all allow you to select M, F, or X as your gender marker — no supporting documentation required in Virginia. Name change in Virginia: \$41, one-page form from your circuit court clerk. For trans-specific ID guidance: tapvirginia.org (Transgender Assistance Program of Virginia).

Community, Advocacy & Space

Organization	Address	Phone / Website	Hours	What They Offer
Diversity Richmond	1407 Sherwood Ave, Richmond 23220	804-353-8077 diversityrichmond.org	M-F 9am-5pm	The LGBTQ+ community center for RVA. Clothing voucher program, financial stabilizer, community resource guide, grants for LGBTQ+ orgs, event space, workshops. First stop for most needs.
Diversity Thrift	1407 Sherwood Ave, Richmond 23220	804-353-8077	M-Sa 10am-7pm, Su 12-5pm	Thrift store that funds Diversity Richmond's LGBTQ+ grant programs. Affordable clothing, furniture, household items. Great resource for stocking your space.
OutRVA	outrva.com	outrva.com	Online resource hub	Richmond's LGBTQ+ community directory — events, resources, businesses, and organizations. Good starting point if you're new to the community or the city.
Equality Virginia	422 E Franklin St, Richmond 23219	804-643-4816 equalityva.org	M-F 9am-5pm	Statewide LGBTQ+ advocacy and education organization. Legal rights resources, policy updates, community events including annual Equality Gala.
Richmond LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce	Richmond area	rlgbtcc.com	See website	Connects LGBTQ+-owned businesses and supportive employers. Good for job searching — member businesses are explicitly affirming employers.

Youth & Young Adults (Ages 11–25)

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Side By Side (formerly ROSMY)	2311 Westwood Ave, Richmond 23230	804-353-4428 sidebysideva.org	M-Th 10am-8:30pm	Richmond's primary LGBTQ+ youth organization. Weekly support groups (Thursdays 6:30-8pm for ages 14-20), drop-in center, library, meals, housing support for LGBTQ+ young adults 18-25 experiencing homelessness. Free to attend.
Side By Side — Housing Support	2311 Westwood Ave, Richmond 23230	804-353-4428 sidebysideva.org	Call for intake	Specific programs for LGBTQ+ young adults ages 18-25 experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Connect with a case manager for support.

Health & Mental Health

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Health Brigade	7 N Thompson St, Richmond 23221	804-358-6343 healthbrigade.org	Call ahead (facing funding cuts)	Free/low-cost medical, mental health, HIV/STI testing. Explicitly LGBTQ+-affirming since 1970. Substance use support. Serves uninsured/low-income. IMPORTANT: facing funding cuts — call ahead to confirm services.
Nationz Foundation	Richmond area	nationzfoundation.org	Call for hours	HIV prevention and holistic wellness services with a specific focus on LGBTQ+ people. Testing, linkage to care, case management.
Daily Planet Health Services	517 W Grace St, Richmond 23220	804-783-6582 dailyplanetva.org	M-F call ahead	Affirming healthcare for anyone regardless of housing or insurance. Primary care, mental health, substance use treatment, harm reduction. No judgment.
RBHA — Mental Health & SUD	501 N 9th St, Richmond 23219	804-819-4000 rbha.org	M-F 8am-5pm, 24/7 crisis	City of Richmond's public behavioral health authority. Mental health and substance use services. Ask specifically for an LGBTQ+-affirming provider when you call — they have them.
He She Ze & We (HSZ&W;)	heshezewe.org	heshezewe.org	See website	LGBTQ+ affirming mental health directory for the Richmond area. Helps you find therapists and providers who are specifically trained and affirming.
James River Transgender Society	1407 Sherwood Ave (Gay Community Center)	jrtsgender.org	1st Friday of month, 7pm	Monthly support group for transgender and gender-variant people. Mentoring, resources, and community for anyone undertaking gender transition.
TAP Virginia (Trans Assistance Program)	tapvirginia.org	tapvirginia.org	Online resource	Statewide transgender resource and referral directory. ID change guidance, affirming provider list, legal resources. Start here for trans-specific needs.

Legal, Rights & Safety

Organization	Address	Phone / Website	Hours	What They Offer
Equality Virginia — Legal Resources	422 E Franklin St, Richmond 23219	804-643-4816 equalityva.org	M-F 9am-5pm	Know-your-rights resources for LGBTQ+ Virginians. Updates on state and federal law changes affecting trans rights, employment, housing.
ACLU of Virginia	701 E Franklin St, Richmond 23219	804-644-8080 acluva.org	M-F 9am-5pm	Civil rights legal representation. LGBTQ+ discrimination cases, housing, employment, and public accommodation rights. Legal intake on website.
CVLAS — Free Legal Aid	700 E Franklin St #600, Richmond 23219	800-868-1012 cvlas.org	M-F 9am-5pm	Free civil legal help for low-income people. Name change petitions, housing discrimination, benefits — and they are LGBTQ+ affirming.
Virginia Anti-Violence Project (VAVP)	Richmond area	vavp.org	See website	Support for LGBTQ+ survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and hate crimes. Advocacy, counseling, safety planning. Confidential.
Transgender Law Center	National (serves VA)	transgenderlawcenter.org	Online / phone	National legal organization. Free legal help for trans people facing discrimination, ID issues, healthcare denial, and other legal challenges.

LGBTQ+-Affirming Housing & Recovery Housing

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Side By Side — Housing Support	2311 Westwood Ave, Richmond 23220	804-353-4428 sidebysideva.org	Call for intake	For LGBTQ+ young adults 18-25 experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Case management and housing support specifically for this population.
Diversity Richmond — Financial Stabilizer	1407 Sherwood Ave, Richmond 23220	804-353-8077 diversityrichmond.org	M-F 9am-5pm	Emergency financial assistance and stabilization support for LGBTQ+ people facing housing instability, utility shutoffs, and related crises.
HER House (Fredericksburg — LGBTQ+ affirming recovery)	419 Bunker Hill St, Fredericksburg VA 22401	571-601-0161	Call for intake	VARR-certified recovery residence serving Women, LGBTQIA+, and Veterans. Closest LGBTQ+-specific certified recovery housing to Richmond.
Atlantic Outreach Group	Multiple locations, Richmond	804-308-2648	Call for availability	VARR-certified recovery residences in Richmond serving men and women. Ask specifically about LGBTQ+-affirming placement when you call.
FindHelp.org — LGBTQ+ filter	findhelp.org	findhelp.org	Online 24/7	Search for LGBTQ+-specific housing, food, health, and social services by zip code. Use the filter for LGBTQ+ to find affirming providers near you.

Community & Connection

Babe's of Carytown	2900 W Carytown Blvd	LGBTQ+-owned bar and community space. Home of the Rainbow Miles Run Club (Thu evenings) and 'Queers, Crackpots & Fallen' AA meeting on Mondays. A real community hub.
Little Queer Library RVA	Brook Road (inside Autonomy Salon)	Free lending library of LGBTQ+ books, free period products, community info. Check their Instagram for current events and mutual aid.
GayRVA.com	gayrva.com	Richmond's LGBTQ+ news, events, and community information site. Good for finding what's happening and staying connected.
Stonewall Sports RVA	stonewallsports.org	LGBTQ+ and ally sports leagues — volleyball, kickball, bocce, bowling. Community-focused, beginner-friendly. Great way to meet people.
VA Pride / VA PrideFest	vapride.org	Annual statewide Pride festival at Midtown Green. Free and family-friendly. Multiple events throughout the year across Virginia.

Richmond Triangle Players	1300 Altamont Ave, Richmond 23230	The only LGBTQ+-focused theater in the mid-Atlantic. Productions, community events, and a welcoming space for the queer arts community.
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National Crisis Lines & Support — LGBTQ+ Specific

Trevor Project Lifeline	1-866-488-7386 thetrevorproject.org	24/7	Crisis intervention and suicide prevention for LGBTQ+ youth. Also: TrevorText — text START to 678-678. TrevorChat online.
Trans Lifeline	877-565-8860 translifeline.org	24/7	Peer support hotline run by and for trans people. Operators have lived experience. Not just crisis — also for everyday support.
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Call or text 988	24/7	National crisis line. Ask to be connected with an LGBTQ+-affirming counselor when you call — the option exists.
GLBT National Help Center	1-888-843-4564 glbthotline.org	M-F 1-9pm ET, Sa 9am-2pm ET	Peer counseling, information, and local resources for LGBTQ+ people of all ages. Not a crisis line — for everyday support and questions.
Crisis Text Line	Text START to 678-678	24/7	Text-based support. The Trevor Project's TrevorText line specifically for LGBTQ+ youth.

You are not alone and this community has been through a lot right now. The resources on this page are explicitly here for you. If something on this list has changed or if you know of a resource we missed, let us know at karnagecommunications@gmail.com.