



[San Mateo County Pride Center \(click for website\)](#)

August 2023 Updates

Pride Center Special Events!

- **Pride Center Hours of Operation**

Come visit us! In addition to information, services, and events, we have a **public computer lab, an LGBTQ+ lending library, a food pantry, and a selection of clothes and gender affirming garments.** We are here for YOU.

- Tuesday - Thursday, **11:30 am – 6:30 pm**, except Tuesdays between 1 pm - 3 pm will be closed for our team meetings.
 - For anyone who needs to drop by the center outside of these hours, **please connect with us directly** as we strive our best to remain accessible to our community.
- Our programs and services will remain virtual all 5 days/week 11 am - 7 pm or as scheduled with your clinician.
- **The Pride Center is located at 1021 S. El Camino Real San Mateo, 94402. Our building is located at 11th and El Camino.**
- **For accessibility information about the Pride Center, please click this link:**
<https://sanmateopride.org/faq/#faq>

- **Can You Support the Pride Center? We Need Volunteers to help us with:**

- [Special events](#) – help bring our community together to decrease isolation & have fun!
- [Peer Groups](#) – can you help support our Gay Men’s or Queer Women’s Group?
- [Social media](#) – got graphic skills? Help promote our clinical services and amazing programs!
- [CAB](#) (Community Advisory Board) Members – for folks with a broad range of interests to support with special projects, this role is for you!
 - Contact Elana Ron (she/they) at elana.ron@sanmateopride.org or 650-465-2407 to connect about volunteering

- **Host Your Meeting at the Pride Center!**

- **We’re welcoming, inclusive, and we’ve got hybrid technology!** LGBTQ+ and allied businesses/organizations welcome. Click this link to access the [Community Request Form](#). Questions? contact Low Sunga (she/they) at lowellyn.sunga@sanmateopride.org **AND** Azisa Todd (they/she) azisa.todd@sanmateopride.org or call us at 650-591-0133.

Trainings/Education

- **The Pride Center has trainings for YOU!**
 - Though Pride Month may be over, the opportunity to learn never stops! The San Mateo County Pride Center is proud to offer an abundance of educational offerings ranging from our **SOGIE/LGBTQ 101** to our more in-depth **Exploring Our Roots: Unpacking Bias in Order to Grow** training. If your organization is interested in raising awareness and growing your advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, visit <https://sanmateopride.org/resources/trainings/>, contact Azisa Todd (they/she) at azisa.todd@sanmateopride.org or call 650-591-0133.
 - Interested in our educational resources and more? Visit our community resources webpage at <https://sanmateopride.org/resources/>.
- **Rainbow Kids Webinars: Thursday September 7th from 7-8:30pm**
 - This free webinar (in English) is returning for parents, caregivers, and anyone who wants a more expansive, welcoming world for young children. Using scenario practice and interactive games, this webinar will demonstrate how to support folks all across the rainbow. It will be facilitated by Azisa Todd (Lead Trainer for the San Mateo County Pride Center) and Nathanael Flynn (Early Childhood Educator and co-author of Supporting Gender Diversity in Early Childhood Classrooms). Closed captioning will be available. For more information click the following link:
<https://www.communityequitycollaborative.org/rainbow-kids>.
 - Click below to register
 - [September 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm](#)
 - Rainbow Kids is a project of Community Equity Collaborative in partnership with the San Mateo County Pride Center and with funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. For more information, contact Jen Sheldon at jennifer@communityequitycollaborative.org.

Events

- **Queer-aoke Night: Thursday August 10th from 7-9pm**
 - The summer may be ending, but the excitement never stops! We invite you to end your summer by singing your heart out at Queer-aoke Night with the San Mateo County Pride Center and ACS Outlet on Thursday, August 10th starting at 7pm. Hosted by Krystle CanSINGo, we welcome you to share your vocal talents with our community or cheer your friends on! This is your space and we're so excited to welcome you back home. Queer-aoke Night is open to all ages, and youth are strongly encouraged to attend. The Pride Center is located at 1021 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo, 94402. Our building is located at 11th and El Camino. Questions? Please contact azisa.todd@sanmateopride.org or call 650-591-0133. For accessibility information, please click this link:
<https://sanmateopride.org/events/>

Peer Support Groups

- **Peer Support Groups- Upcoming meeting dates**
 - **Please note: all groups are meeting on Zoom, stay tuned for updates**
 - LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 1st Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-parentsgroup>
 - LGBTQ Book Club (18+) - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 4:30-6pm PST
 - Hybrid option for in-person group participation at the Pride Center is now available!
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub>
 - To access a list of books we're reading click [this link](#).
 - Polyamory Peer Power (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 7-8:30pm PST
 - August group date is re-scheduled for Wednesday August 9th
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-polyampower>
 - Gay Men's Group (18+)- Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday from 6-7pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPC-gaymensgroup>
 - Queer Women's Social Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-queerwomensgroup>
- Outlet drop in dates at the Pride Center
 - Thursday August 10th from 4:30-6pm
 - Wednesday August 23rd from 4:30-6pm
 - Questions? Contact outletprogram@acs-teens.org or 650.424.0852 x 107