



# APRIL 2024



## CENTER ON HALSTED: YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Questions about our programs?  
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Join our Discord!  
 Sign up at:  
[Bit.ly/CoHdiscord](https://bit.ly/CoHdiscord)

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 Youth Support Group  
 5:30pm-7pm<sup>^</sup>

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 ★ QFam: Field Trip to Filament Theatre!  
 2pm  
 Sign up required:  
[bit.ly/QFam-Cloud-Man](https://bit.ly/QFam-Cloud-Man)

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 We are always welcoming adult mentors into Youth Horizons, our LGBTQ+ mentorship program!  
 Interested? Email Hannah at:  
[hrapp@centeronhalsted.org](mailto:hrapp@centeronhalsted.org)

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 Youth Support Group  
 5:30pm-7pm<sup>^</sup>

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 After School Hang  
 3pm-5pm  
 ★ 2nd Annual Trans Day of Visibility Youth Poetry Night  
 5pm-7pm  
 Q Chat Space  
 6pm-7:30pm\*

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 Q Chat Space  
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 1pm-3pm  
 Afternoon Hang  
 3pm-5pm  
 Q Chat Space  
 6pm-7:30pm\*

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 Young Adult Drop-In  
 10am-1pm  
 Lavender Living  
 6pm-8pm

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 Young Adult Drop-In  
 10am-1pm  
 Lavender Living  
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 Young Adult Drop-In  
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 Lavender Living  
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7TH-12TH GRADE PROGRAMS  
 18-24 Y.O. PROGRAMS

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 After School Hang  
 3pm-5pm  
 To Be Human (TBH)  
 5pm-7pm

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 After School Hang  
 3pm-5pm

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 After School Hang  
 3pm-5pm  
 TBH  
 5pm-7pm  
 Q+ Council  
 6pm\*  
 Transformers  
 6:30pm

25  
 After School Hang  
 3pm-5pm  
 TBH  
 5pm-7pm

PARENT/CAREGIVER PROGRAMS  
 FAMILY PROGRAMS

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 ★ Dare to Drag  
 3pm-5pm+

12  
 ★ Dare to Drag  
 3pm-5pm+

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 ★ Dare to Drag  
 3pm-5pm+

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 ★ Dare to Drag  
 3pm-5pm+

★ These programs made possible by support from:

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 QFam: Drop-In Family Playdate  
 10am-12pm  
 Prom Shopping!  
 1pm-4pm

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 Queer Prom: MasQUEERade!  
 5pm-9pm

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 Youth Queer Art Fair  
 1pm-4pm

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 FOR EDUCATION IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

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## 7TH-12TH GRADE PROGRAMS

### After School Hang

Tuesday/Thursday afternoon drop-in space for teens looking to hang out & connect with their LGBTQ+ community. **Note the change in program time during spring break, 3/25-3/28. Youth Space.**

### Trans Youth Group

Weekly space for trans, non-binary, & gender expansive 7th-12th graders. **Note the change in program time during spring break, 3/25-3/28. Youth Space.**

### To Be Human

Youth group for 7th-12th graders who are LGBTQ+, questioning, & allies. **Note the change in program time during spring break, 3/25-3/28. Youth Space.**

### Youth Support Group (13-18)<sup>^</sup>

This **clinician-led** group offers safe space to foster identity, spark creativity, & build community. Intake required, call: (773) 472-6469 x460 or email: BehavioralHealth@centeronhalsted.org

### Prom Shopping!

Get ready for this year's Queer Prom: shop formalwear for FREE at this pop-up fashion event! *Youth Space.*

### Q+ Council<sup>^</sup>

Q+ Council is made up of youth ages 12-18 who help plan programs & events for Center on Halsted. Please note that meetings are only open to current Q+ Council members!

### Q Chat Space\*

Online safer space discussion groups to meet other LGBTQ+ & questioning 13-19 year olds. COH hosts Q Chats every Tuesday evening. Visit qchatspace.org for more!

April Q Chat Topics:

4/2 - Open Chat!

4/9 - Writing Queer Stories

4/16 - Positivity Chat

4/23 - Speed Friending

4/30 - Youth-guided Chat



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### Queer Prom: MasQUEERade!

LGBTQ+ 7th-12th graders are invited to Queer Prom: MasQUEERade! Enter a night of mystery and wonder filled with dancing, snacks, dinner, and friends!

Sign up to attend & stay in the know about hair & makeup here: [bit.ly.com/cohprom24](https://bit.ly/cohprom24)

### Call for artists: Youth Queer Art Fair

Are you a trans or queer artist in grades 7-12? Email Hannah to stay in the loop about displaying or selling art at the upcoming Youth Queer Art Fair! [HRapp@CenterOnHalsted.org](mailto:HRapp@CenterOnHalsted.org)

### ★ 2nd Annual TDOV Youth Poetry Night

We hope you'll join us to hear some excellent poetry written and performed by trans, non-binary, and gender expansive youth poets! This event is free & open to the community. *John Baran Hall.*

### ★ Dare to Drag

+registration for Summer 2024 is open!

Through support from the Ralla Klepak Foundation, cohorts of 5-7 students learn drag basics, including: performance, make-up, dance, & confidence. Each cohort culminates in a showcase performance. Join the Summer 2024 Cohort: [tinyurl.com/dare2drag](https://tinyurl.com/dare2drag) **Please note that sessions are only open to current cohort participants. Ages 16-24.**



## 18-24 Y.O. PROGRAMS

### Young Adult Drop-In

Casual time to hang out & relax. Clothing, hygiene items, hot meals, bus cards, & HIV testing too! Free laundry program! *Youth Space.*

### Lavender Living

A queer and trans community group for 18-24 year olds. *Youth Space.*

### Afternoon at the Theatre!

Save the date! Our next field trip is on Saturday, May 18th! We'll release more info closer to May.

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### Youth Queer Art Fair

Trans and queer artists in grades 7-12 and art lovers of all ages are invited to Queer Art Fair! Explore the work of young artists in a variety of media and styles. More details to come!

## PARENT/CAREGIVER PROGRAMS

### Transformers

Social gathering group for parents & caregivers of trans folks. RSVP to Luke: [LRomesberg@centeronhalsted.org](mailto:LRomesberg@centeronhalsted.org)

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### QFam: Family Drop-In Playdate

Enjoy time with other LGBTQ+ families at COH! Staff will be available with art supplies, books, and toys for play. *Children's Space.*

QFam is open to LGBTQ+ families with children ages 0-11. Email Eli with questions! [ECoooperNelson@centeronhalsted.org](mailto:ECoooperNelson@centeronhalsted.org)

### ★ Field Trip to Filament Theatre

Join us for an afternoon at Filament Theatre! We'll see a performance of Cloud Man, explore the set, and enjoy pre- and post-show activities. **Advance sign up is required: [bit.ly/QFam-Cloud-Man](https://bit.ly/QFam-Cloud-Man)**

### Save these dates!

**Sat. May 4** - Drop-in Family Playdate @ 10am

**Sat. May 18** - Family Park Day! @ 10am

**Sat. June 1** - Drop-in Family Playdate @ 10am

**Sat. June 15** - Pride Potluck Picnic @ 11am

★ These programs made possible by support from the Ralla Klepak Foundation for Education in the Performing Arts

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