

# Central Illinois Pride Health Center

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## Central Illinois **PRIDE** HEALTH CENTER

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### Mission

We are here to promote the health and well-being of the LGBTQI community of central Illinois without judgement or discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability. No one will be turned away, regardless of insurance.

### Vision

Overall healthcare and well-being without discrimination or judgment.



With the health disparities that the LGBTQI community faces, the Central Illinois Pride Health Center is the one-stop place for healthcare for you, your significant other and your children without fear of “coming out” to your doctor or healthcare provider, or discrimination by clinics because of your orientation, identity or status.

Central Illinois now has a common space for the LGBTQI community where we can network and support each other. This space will help to spawn new social groups in our community. As of November 2016, we are officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so all donations are tax-deductible.

### WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

“Friends Like Us” serves LGBTQ+ youth 13 to 19 years old in McLean County and the surrounding area, offering a safe space to be yourself, whoever that might be. The group meets weekly on Friday evenings.

### PARENTS AND CHILDREN GROUP

A support group for LGBTQ+ parents with children and parents with LGBTQ+ children. This is an opportunity for parents and children to have a safe, supportive space to be themselves and provide each other social support.

### ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

A social group for LGBTQ+ adults that meets quarterly.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- **Compression binders** for trans individuals in need—donation-based.
- **Resource network** for medical and mental health providers in central Illinois.
- **Medical and mental healthcare** coming Summer 2017.

### YOUTH TESTIMONIAL

“The Central Illinois PRIDE Health Center is an amazing resource for me. When I first heard about a youth group for LGBT youth and allies, I immediately jumped at the chance to find other people who have a similar story to me. I was not disappointed in the ‘Friends Like Us’ youth group. They help support me and give me lots of advice and I can always trust them. But my favorite thing is that they are accepting of everyone and are a loving group; and if you feel like you need to talk to someone, or share your thoughts with the group, it is a very safe place to do so.”

### Upcoming Events

**Trivia Night Fundraiser**

June 9, 2017

Eagles Club

Bloomington, Illinois

### How to Help

We need volunteers for our fundraising committee and for upcoming events. Contact Len at [cipridehealthcenter@gmail.com](mailto:cipridehealthcenter@gmail.com). In addition, donors are needed to help get our doors open.

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