

## OUR SERVICES

### Baby & Me Tobacco Free™

Earn free diapers for a year if you quit and stay quit!

### Confidential Testing

- Hep C
- HIV
- TB

### Help Me Grow Home Visiting

A free, voluntary, home-based program that offers information and support during pregnancy.

### Ohio Early Intervention

Provides coordinated services to parents of young children with disabilities and developmental delays.

### Project DAWN (Narcan)

An opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution program.

### SafeTrade (SSP)

A community-based program that provides sterile syringes for people who use drugs and for Transgender Hormone Therapy, facilitates safe disposal of used syringes, and links clients to other important services and programs.

### Tobacco & Vaping Cessation

We work on the prevention and reduction of tobacco use and vaping in the county.

### WIC

This is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.



**Sexual Health & Wellness  
Resource Guide**

**HEALTH Starts Here.  
For Everyone.**

*We are **PROUD** to be LGBTQ+ welcoming!*

## ABOUT CARE

It is important for us to get care from healthcare providers who understand the different needs we have with our health, as well as the cultural issues we face that impact our health.

At Greene County Public Health, we focus on providing the best services possible, delivered in a culturally competent way that meets every person's needs. We ensure that LGBTQ+ people are treated equitably and in a culturally competent and affirming way, and we can also help identify other culturally sensitive providers for you.

Our colleagues at Public Health Dayton Montgomery County have a list of Pride Providers that can be accessed using the QR code below or by visiting:

**<https://www.phdmc.org/lgbtq-pride-providers>**. We can also help you connect with various services through PHDMC's LGBTQ+ Community Health Alliance that includes more than 60 LGBTQ+ people, organizations, and allies.



**LGBTQ+ Pride Providers**



**LGBTQ+ Resources**



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## UNDERSTANDING



## HEALTH



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# UNDERSTANDING LGBTQ+ HEALTH



Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people are members of every community. We are diverse, come from all walks of life, and include people of all races and ethnicities, all ages, all socioeconomic statuses, and from all parts of the United States.

Many LGBTQ+ people are at increased risk for a number of health conditions when compared to our heterosexual peers. Differences in sexual behavior account for some of these issues, but others are associated with social and structural inequities, such as the stigma and discrimination that LGBTQ+ people experience.



# DID YOU KNOW?



LGBTQ+ youth are more likely to be homeless.



LGBTQ+ youth are at least 2 to 3 times more likely to attempt suicide.



Gay men are at higher risk of HIV and other STDs, especially communities of color.



Lesbians are less likely to get preventive services for cancer.



Lesbians and bisexual females are more likely to be overweight or obese.



Elderly LGBTQ+ individuals face additional barriers to health because of isolation, a lack of social services and culturally competent providers.



Transgender people have a high prevalence of HIV/STDs, victimization, mental health issues, suicide, and are less likely to have health insurance than heterosexual or LGB people.



LGBTQ+ populations have the highest rates of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use.

# SOCIAL FACTORS OF HEALTH



**Social factors affecting the health of LGBTQ+ individuals largely relate to oppression and discrimination. Examples include:**

- Legal discrimination in access to health insurance, employment, housing, adoption, and retirement benefits.
- Lack of laws protecting against bullying in schools or school policies that don't affirm LGBTQ+ youth.
- Lack of social programs for LGBTQ+ youth, adults, and elders.
- Shortage of health care providers who are knowledgeable and culturally competent in LGBTQ+ health.
- Lack of access to safe public spaces, such as recreational facilities, parks, public transportation, etc.