

Map Evansville



A Collaborative Community Project



BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AS A COMMUNITY

Despite many positive changes in recent years, Americans who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, and/or transgender (LGBT) continue to face discrimination in most public sectors, have less access to resources and protections, and as a result have slightly higher rates of mental and physical health disparities, especially LGBT youth.

Given the recent surge of interest in issues facing community members who identify as LGBT (such as equity and youth suicide), studies are beginning to show that inclusive policies decrease rates of mental and physical health visits and that the level of support LGBT individuals *perceive* greatly reduces such risks. These results have been supported by the CDC and the UCLA Williams Institute.

As such, we have organized community partners and groups in the area to create a visible and accessible resource guide for our community members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and/or transgender, their families, and friends. We hope that finding a way to increase the visibility of a supportive community will help create a healthier community overall in the Evansville and surrounding area. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our friends and family.

OUR PARTNERS

Echo Community Health Care

Youth Resources

Lampion Center

Vanderburgh Community Foundation

Tri-State Alliance

Tri-State Safe Zone Initiative

USI Center for Social Justice Education

Gender Warriors



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www.mapevansville.com.

OUR PARTNERS



ECHO
Community Health Care

ECHO COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC

Echo Community Health Care aims to eliminate health disparities in our community by providing affordable, accessible & appropriate comprehensive healthcare to the uninsured, under insured and the homeless. Quality services are provided by their team of caring, respectful professionals who advocate for the patient.

YOUTH RESOURCES

Using evidence-based programs, Youth Resources of Evansville strives to motivate and empower youth to make a positive difference within our society through understanding and action based on effective and compassionate leadership and civic engagement.



LAMPION CENTER

Lampion Center is a non-profit counseling agency that has served the residents of Vanderburgh, Posey, and Warrick counties since 1885. Through the expertise of their professional staff and education of Board of Directors, Lampion Center provides a variety of services and programs to meet the needs of our community.

VANDERBURGH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Vanderburgh Community Foundation is a non-profit, public charity created by and for the people of Vanderburgh County. Simply put, they connect donors with the causes they care about.



OUR PARTNERS

TRI-STATE ALLIANCE

Tri-State Alliance (TSA) is a regional organization that serves the diverse gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. TSA aims to educate community members by sponsoring guest speakers, engaging the media on relevant LGBT issues, and training public/social service organizations through diversity education.



TRI-STATE SAFE ZONE INITIATIVE

Guided by a core set of principles, the initiative aims to mobilize stakeholders in a way that promotes involvement in local, county, state and national public sectors and policy and to identify individuals and local groups who offer supportive and inclusive environments in the Tri-State community.



USI CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

The Center for Social Justice Education is dedicated to individual and society well-being in a global community; promoting critical thinking and a systems perspective across agencies, institutes, departments, and individuals to pursue social change for all individuals' well-being.



GENDER WARRIORS

Gender Warriors is an Evansville based group that serves as an educational, advocacy, and social group for Trans*/Genderqueer/Gender Non-Conforming people and others who want to further the cause.





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About Map Evansville

Through collaboration with several community partners, Map Evansville aims to measure and document the existing resources and areas of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender inclusivity that currently exist in Evansville and the surrounding area. More specifically, the project utilizes a strengths-based approach, asset mapping, to identify (1) existing resources, (2) areas of inclusivity, and (3) possible opportunities for social development within the existing framework of the city.



We developed the survey using two approaches: (1) evidence-based practices from the Human Rights Campaign Equality Index and the National Assessment Tool Questions for Pride Indexes and (2) feedback from local community groups and members who are LGBT, obtained during a service learning project in an upper-level Community Psychology course at the University of Southern Indiana. This last approach was utilized to ensure that the assessment was a good fit within the city's historical and cultural context, a critical aspect to asset mapping.



Following a year of development, the Map Evansville website and assessment was launched in July, 2014. After three months of initial participation, we published an interactive, on-line map. As new providers, businesses, and organizations participate, we will update this guide and our interactive map online.

To learn more about the project, participate, or to view the interactive map visit www.mapevansville.com.

Grant support for the start-up of this project was provided by the USI College of Liberal Arts through their Liberal Arts Faculty Development Awards and the Office of Outreach and Engagement through their Applied Research Summer Fellowship

How to Read the Map

Categories: Each Map Evansville member is listed under their respective categories to assist users to easily find specific services.

Information: The address, phone number, website, and contact person for each member is provided. On the web-based interactive map, simply hover over each marker on the map to view this information.

Indicators: The availability of (1) non-discrimination policies, (2) same-sex benefits, and (3) types of restrooms is indicated for each member within this resource guide.

Visibility: Many of our members will have the Map Evansville logo displayed in their windows. When you see this, be sure to thank them!

Disclaimer: It is important to note that the businesses, organizations, and service providers listed in this resource guide have committed themselves to establishing a supportive environment. If you experience any difficulties or have any concerns while visiting their establishments, know that they are committed to resolving and addressing those issues. As such, contact information has been provided for each resource. We encourage you to share your positive experiences with them as well. To that end, we hope that you find the contents of this resource guide beneficial.



Member

www.mapevansville.com



Abbreviation Key:

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

- ◇ SO (Sexual Orientation)
- ◇ GI (Gender Identity)
- ◇ NA (Not Applicable)

PARTNER BENEFITS

- ◇ Y (Yes)
- ◇ N (No)
- ◇ NA (Not Applicable)

CHANGING/RESTROOMS

- ◇ M (Male)
- ◇ F (Female)
- ◇ U (Unisex)
- ◇ FA (Family)
- ◇ NA (Not Applicable)

Community Health & Outreach

AIDS Resource Group (ARG)

Providing quality specialized case management, HIV prevention education, and supportive services to people living with, at-risk for or affected by HIV/AIDS.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: Health (Y) Soft (Y)
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

201 NW 4th St, Ste B-7
Evansville, IN 47708
812-421-0059

www.argevansville.org

Contact: Tracy Huck
thuck@argevansville.org

Doula Group of Evansville

A collective group of doulas working together to provide couples comfortable, in-home birthing experiences and childbirth education.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

www.thedoulagroupofevansville.weebly.com

Contact: Megan Newhouse-Bailey
meganmydear@gmail.com

Echo Community Health Care, Inc.

Eliminating health disparities in the community by providing affordable, accessible & appropriate comprehensive healthcare.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: Information pending
- ◇ Benefits: Information pending
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

315 Mulberry Street
Evansville, IN 47713
(812) 421-7489

www.echohc.org

Contact: Sandee E. Strader-McMillen
(812) 421-7489



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Community Organizations

Tri-State Alliance (TSA)

Educating community members, engaging the media on relevant LGBT issues, and training public/social service organizations through diversity education.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

501 John Street Suite 5
Evansville, IN 47713
812-480-0204

www.tsagl.org

Contact: Wally Paynter
wallypaynter@aol.com

Gender Warriors

Serving as an educational, advocacy, and social group for Trans*/Genderqueer/Gender Non-Conforming people and others in the Evansville area.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: Information pending
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F (trans* accessible)

www.genderwarriors.com

Contact: Cameron Helfrich
genderwarriors@gmail.com

Counseling & Mental Health Services

Paul Mefford, LCSW

Providing a variety of mental health services, including marriage and family counseling, twelve step recovery, dual diagnoses, anger management, and child and adolescent counseling.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

2015 Maxwell Avenue
Evansville, IN 47711
812 422-7974

www.meffordtherapeutics.com

Contact: Paul Mefford
psmpoweroftouch@hotmail.com



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Counseling & Mental Health Services

Lampion Center

Providing a variety of counseling and mental health services and programs to meet the needs of the community.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: Information pending
- ◇ Benefits: Information pending
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

655 S Hebron Ave
Evansville, IN 47714
812-471-1776

www.lampioncenter.com
Contact: Lynn Kyle
lkyle@lampioncenter.com

Faith Communities

First Presbyterian Church

Through different styles of music and liturgy, First Presbyterian works to join hearts and voices in proclaiming the greatness of God. They are open and affirming to all.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: Y
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F/U

609 SE 2nd Street
Evansville, IN 47713
812-423-6297

www.firstpresevansville.com
Contact: Pastor Kevin Fleming
firstpres@firstpresevansville.com

Grace & Peace Lutheran Church

Designated as a Reconciling in Christ church, the only Evangelical Lutheran church in Southwest Indiana to receive such a designation. Open and affirming to all.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

200 S. Boeke
Evansville, IN 47714
812-476-8201

www.grace-peace.org
Contact: Bradley A. Happe
bahappe@aol.com



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Food and Beverage

Penny Lane Coffeehouse Downtown

Offering an eclectic atmosphere that can appeal to most any coffeehouse goer. It has won numerous local awards for best coffee and serves light fare.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: U

600 SE 2nd Street
Evansville, IN 47713
812-421-8741

www.pennylanecoffeehouse.com

Contact: Megan Haug
Megan@PennyLaneCoffeehouse.com

Penny Lane Coffeehouse & Pub East

Offering an eclectic atmosphere that can appeal to most any coffeehouse goer. It has won numerous local awards for best coffee and serves light fare.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

2004 Washington Ave
Evansville, IN 47714
812-473-4440

www.pennylanecoffeehouse.com

Contact: Lauren McMillan
Lauren@PennyLaneCoffeehouse.com

Peephole Bar and Grill

From good, greasy burgers to cold beer and big flat screen TVs, the Peephole offers an environment for everyone with an exceptional staff.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

201 Main Street
Evansville, IN 47708
812-423-5171

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Contact: J.T. Norris
jtwaww@yahoo.com



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Food and Beverage

Red Geranium Restaurant

The Red Geranium Restaurant is one of the region's most charming and romantic restaurants, serving lunch (seasonal hours), dinner and weekend brunch.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

508 North Street
New Harmony, IN 47631
812-682-4431

www.newharmonyinn.com

Contact: Tara Knight
tara@newharmonyinn.com

Sauced

Sauced is a new Italian-American restaurant located in the Haynie's Corner Arts District, Evansville Indiana. It's a great place for cocktails with friends or a romantic dinner.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

1113 Parrett Street
Evansville, IN 47713
812-442-2230

[Find them on Facebook!](#)

Contact: Cole Cartwright
kirbysdining@att.net

Hotel Accommodations & Special Events

Kirby's Private Dining

Kirby's Private Dining is the tri-states most unique setting for your next event. Their Victorian charm and elegant ambiance is perfect for your wedding.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

1119 Parrett Street
Evansville, IN 47713
812-442-2230

www.kirbysprivatedining.com

Contact: Cole Cartwright
kirbysdining@att.net



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Hotel Accommodations & Special Events

New Harmony Resort and Conference Center

Surrounded by towering trees, gently rolling hills, and tranquil ponds, the acclaimed New Harmony Inn offers a peaceful retreat from the bustle of daily life.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F* (trans friendly available for events)

504 North Street
New Harmony, IN 47631
812-682-4431

www.newharmonyinn.com

Contact: Tara Knight
tara@newharmonyinn.com

Legal, Financial, and Banking

Brinkerhoff Riley, P.C.

Stephanie Brinkerhoff Riley, a family law specialist, is certified by the Family Law Certification Board. She compassionately provides legal services to all families.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: MF

3820 Oak Hill Road
Evansville, IN 47711
812-401-1088

www.brinkerhoffriley.com

Contact: Stephanie Brinkerhoff Riley
ssbrinkerhoff@yahoo.com

Retail Merchants

The Diamond Galleria

The Galleria offers a completely personal touch to your jewelry purchase. You will have the opportunity to create one of a kind jewelry for yourself or that special someone.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO
- ◇ Benefits: Y
- ◇ Restrooms: MF

6245 Vogel Road
Evansville, IN 47715
812-550-0560

www.thediamondgalleria.com

Contact: Bertram Wheat
bertw@thediamondgalleria.com



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Retail Merchants

Goldman's Pawn Shop

A five generation family business, Goldman's Pawnshop is a Downtown Evansville, Indiana landmark, charging the lowest interest rates of any pawnshop in the state.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

107-109 SE 4th Street
Evansville, IN 47708
812-423-9631

www.goldmanspawnshop.com

Contact: Racheal Goldman
bob@goldmanspawnshop.com

Rustic Charm Designs

A unique shopping experience featuring hand-made gifts and decor from local artists. You are sure to find that perfect decoration or present.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

2207 E. Morgan Ave, Suite H
Evansville, IN 47711
812-484-8228

[Find them on Facebook!](#)

Contact: Joseph Jones
rusticcharmdesigns@yahoo.com

Silent Salvation Jewelry and Watches

Jamie Gish Bates is the mind and pliers behind Silent Salvation, a jewelry and art company specializing in one of a kind jewelry re-fashioned out of beautiful, old pieces.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

625 Village Lane
Newburgh, IN 47630
812-598-9083

[Find them on Facebook!](#)

Contact: Jamie Gish
jgishbates@gmail.com



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Spa and Therapeutic Services

Mefford Body Therapeutics

With sensitivity and compassion, Paul Mefford helps clients find solutions with a wide range of life's challenges, blending conventional and alternative approaches.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: U

5 East Powell Ave
Evansville, IN 47713
812-306-3053

www.meffordtherapeutics.com

Contact: Paul Mefford
psmpoweroftouch@hotmail.com

Moon River Spa

Offering luxury massage, beauty care and holistic services in rustic and peaceful New Harmony, Indiana.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: U

517 North Street
New Harmony, IN 47631
812-550-7483

www.moonriverspa.com

Contact: Jenifer Blevins & Clarissa Powell
5ssanbgirls@gmail.com

Special Event Services

Jbray Photography

Julie is a natural light, outdoor photographer focusing on children and lifestyle photography. She specializes in black and white photography.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

Works on location
Evansville, IN
812-598-2802

www.jbrayphotography.com

Contact: Julie Bray
juliebrayinfo@jbrayphotography.com



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Special Event Services

Paintyr Photography

Britini Arnold provides photography services to meet your needs, from family portraits to senior pictures.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

Works on location
Evansville, IN
Email for appointment

[Find her on Facebook!](#)

Contact: Britini Arnold
paintyrphotography@gmail.com

The Knotted Envelope

With expertise in design and etiquette, The Knotted Envelope will create the perfect custom invitation or announcement for your special event. Services by appointment only.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

By appointment only
Evansville, IN
Email for appointment

www.theknottedenvelope.com

Contact: Bailey Rideout
Theknottedenvelope@gmail.com

Spiritual and Nuptial Services

A Day to Remember Wedding Services

A Day to Remember Wedding Services is based out of Evansville and provides ordained wedding services to the surrounding Tri-State area on weekdays and weekends.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

Home based services
Home-based services
Evansville, IN
812-962-3841

www.adaytorememberweddingservices.com
Contact: Leah Dugan
leah@adaytorememberweddingservices.com



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Spiritual and Nuptial Services

Reverend George Philip Hoy

Providing spiritual guidance and nuptial services to the area for many years, he is guided by care and compassion.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: NA
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: NA

217 Cherry Street
Evansville, IN 47713
812-437-9295

Contact: Phillip Hoy
Revgph@aol.com

Youth Groups and Outreach

Tri-State Alliance (TSA) Youth Group

The TSA Youth Group is a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth under the age of 21, and their straight supporting friends/allies.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

501 John Street Suite 5
Evansville, IN 47713
812-480-0204

www.tsagl.org
Contact: Wally Paynter
wallypaynter@aol.com

Youth Resources

Using evidence-based programs, Youth Resources of Evansville strives to motivate and empower youth to make a positive difference in the community.

- ◇ Non-discrimination policy: SO & GI
- ◇ Benefits: NA
- ◇ Restrooms: M/F

4451 North First Ave (lower level)
Evansville, IN 47710
812-421-0030

www.youth-resources.org
Contact: Ann Burnworth
ann@youth-resources.org

About the Project Leader



Dr. Amie McKibban joined the University of Southern Indiana faculty in 2009 after completing her PhD in community psychology at Wichita State University. With thirteen years of experience teaching university courses, her dedication to (and passion for) teaching and academic advising won her the Rotary Award in Education in 2000 at Emporia State University, the award for Best General Psychology Instructor at Texas Tech University in 2005, the H. Lee Cooper Teaching Award in 2011 and the Outstanding Advisor Award in 2014 at the University of Southern Indiana.

Not only has Dr. McKibban left an impact in the classroom over the years, she has substantially contributed to her field through research. She has presented at numerous state, regional, and national conferences and published in journals such as *Sexuality and Culture*, *Society for the Teaching of Psychology*, *Ethics and Behavior*, *Journal of Academic Ethics*, *The Encyclopedia of the Quality of Life Research*, and *Psychological Science*. Map Evansville has already been recognized by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

Using a well-known program in a way that mobilizes allies and allows for solutions at each level she, with Dr. Stephanie Young, co-founded and now directs a community and campus wide Safe Zone Initiative. With the vision of “Fostering a socially just community through support, activism, and visibility,” this program has trained over 400 allies across USI, UE, and the community at large. Dr. McKibban can often be found saying, “you can’t empower people, but you can create opportunities for people to empower themselves.” As a testament to this passion and dedication, Dr. McKibban has received the Willie Effie Thomas Leadership Award and the Phenomenal Women of USI award. Most recently, the Tri-State Area Safe Zone Initiative was recognized by the Human Relations Commission and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke with the Willie Effie Thomas Organizational award.



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