We're proud to be a SafeZone

by Community Legal Aid staff

This week, we're taking a break from our usual weekly <u>Big Ideas blog</u> to recognize and celebrate Pride Month. But we also want to call out our commitment to equality and nondiscrimination for our LGBTQ+ friends and clients that we foster from July through May.

One example of this commitment is the work we've done over the last year to become a SafeZone. (For those unfamiliar with SafeZone certification, you can <u>learn</u> <u>more about that here</u>.) We believe that regardless of how you identify yourself, everyone should be able to live and work without fear of harm and harassment for being their true self.

Those of us who identify as LGBTQ+ deserve our support, trust, and confidence 365 days a year. And that is what we at Community Legal Aid are committed to.

We invite you to learn more about our work in this area, as well as by expanding your own base of knowledge, by exploring the resources below.

Happy Pride!

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This article is part of Legal Aid's <u>"Big Ideas" series</u>.

SIDEBAR 1--

CLA Pride Page

Have you seen our interactive timeline of LGBTQ+ rights? Learn more about the laws that have helped -- and hindered -- the fight for civil rights for LGBTQ+ individuals in our country. Plus, hear what some of our team members have to say about supporting our LGBTQ+ staff, clients, and community members.

Click here

SIDEBAR 2--

LGBTQ+ Big Ideas

This year for Pride Month, we encourage you to re-engage in issues that impact LGBTQ+ members of our community. Here, we are sharing past Big Ideas that highlight some of these issues.

LGBTQ+ rights are human rights

We served, too: Celebrating LGBTQ+ veterans

More than a pronoun

SIDEBAR 3--

Celebrate Pride!

Our team members have been celebrating Pride Month by participating in community events and outreach activities all month long. Check out some of our pictures on our <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u> pages.

SIDEBAR 4--

For those in your circle...

While Pride Month is all about supporting and celebrating those of us in the LGBTQ+ community, we know there are still many obstacles and challenges faced by members of this community. For those who are struggling, or to support those in your circle of family, friends, and coworkers, check out the resources below.

Local resources:

CANAPI

Equality Ohio

Margie's Hope

(Also, see our Pride Partners on our <u>CLA Pride Page</u>!)

National resources:

Equitas Health

The Trevor Project

<u>GLAAD</u>

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