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# Calendar of Events

Feb 1	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meeting	Online
Feb 4	6:00 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Boad Meeting	Online/Center
Feb 4	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center (classes limited to 15)	Center
Feb 7		National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	
Feb 8	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meeting	Online
Feb 9	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
Feb 10	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
Feb 11	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center (classes limited to 15)	Center
Feb 14		Happy Valentine's Day	
Feb 15	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meeting	Online
Feb 16	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Online
Feb 18	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center (classes limited to 15)	Center
Feb 21	5:30 PM	PRIDE Planning Meeting	Online/Center
Feb 22	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meetin	Online
Feb 24	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
Feb 25	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center (classes limited to 15)	Center
Feb 28	7:00 PM	TDOR Planning Meeting	Online

March 1 Women's History Month

When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor. *Elon Musk*

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# Book Reviews

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"Raising Them: Our Adventure in Gender Creative Parenting" by Kyl Myers c.2020, Brilliance Audio \$34.99 / \$51.99 Canada 6 discs, 7:18 in length



Pink or blue?

When you're pregnant, everybody asks that question. What kind of clothing or toys will you require: dolls or trucks, pink or blue? They'll want to know about the gender reveal party, and what kind of names you're considering. Do you want a boy or girl or, as in the new audiobook "**Raising Them**" by **Kyl Myers**, do you mind not knowing for a few years?

Long before she ever became a mother, even before she met and married her husband, Brent,

Kyl Myers had thought about what she calls "gender creative parenting." Myers identifies as queer and she was somewhat of an activist, so she was pretty well-versed on a subject that asks why we, as a society, place emphasis on the chromosomes of an infant when physical, often intimate, body parts have nothing to do with simply being a child. Once Myers was pregnant, this became more than just something to think about, and she and her husband decided to raise their child gender-free.

They weren't the first to do so: in years past, other parents around the world went public with successful gender creative parenting. Still, it took plenty of determined pre-planning: Myers would deny knowledge of the baby's gender to anyone who didn't absolutely, genuinely *need* to know. That meant restricting diaper-duty, and it meant four grandparents who wouldn't know their grandchild's gender until the child was several months old.

Once Zoomer Coyote entered the world, there would be no pink or blue bassinet cards in the hospital nursery. Myers had to learn to find non-gendered infant and toddler clothing for her child, gender-neutral-hued toys for them to play with, and items that didn't scream "Boy!" or "Girl!". Later, Zoomer's daycare was "cool" with the neutrality, but strangers and even other parents were a challenge, and were nonetheless

challenged to open their minds.

“Raising Them” will bring out a lot of emotions that will likely be dependent on which side of parenting you stand. It’s intriguing, but exhausting, too chirpy, and too, too sunny. It’s also too precious by half, and the cute-Zoomer tales wear thin after a (very, very short) while. And yet, the idea of giving your child time to know themselves is *intriguing*. *Still*, author Kyl Myers should be commended for not throwing in the towel with hurricane force.

Indeed, her struggles were exactly what you might expect.

Although... particularly if you’re expecting a baby, Myers may inspire you. Clearly, gender creative parenting involves work, vigilance, and forethought, and while it’s not for everyone, it’s a compelling enough idea to stick in your mind like glue. You’ll be convinced that it’s worth a try, even if only sometimes.

And this: if you can’t rest without knowing, Myers drops hints to soothe your boy-or-girl curiosity, but that’s not the end of this story. No, this is a website-supported, mind-opening, ongoing tale for parents-to-be, or for anyone who wishes they’d been reared in a similar kind of household. That you? Read “Raising Them,” or you’ll be blue.

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# Dayton PRIDE 2021 Kicks-Off with a LOGO Contest!

Yes, that is correct we are kicking-off Dayton Pride 2021 in February with the announcement of a contest to create the LOGO to be used for Dayton PRIDE 2021.

The LOGO selected will be feature on PRIDE advertisements such as posters, t-shirts, banners, event signage and more. If you have questions about the contest, you may send your questions and your entries to [pride@daytonLGBTcenter.org](mailto:pride@daytonLGBTcenter.org). All entries must be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Preferred format is .SVG, other acceptable formats are .PDF, PNG, and JPG.

The winner of this year's LOGO contest will receive a \$100 Downtown Dayton Partnership Gift Card, a one year membership to The LGBT Center, and recognition at Dayton PRIDE! Will your art be plastered all over Dayton in June? Contest rules are below. Please email any questions to [pride@daytonlgbtcenter.org](mailto:pride@daytonlgbtcenter.org). Good luck!

## Contest Rules:

1. This contest is open to anyone in the Greater Dayton Area – we consider this to be a 35 mile radius from 24 N Jefferson Street.
2. Members of the Board of Directors, employees, and independent contractors of The Greater Dayton LGBT Center are not eligible for this contest and their submissions will not be accepted.
3. All entries will be considered without regard to artist's age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, creed, religion, national origin, pregnancy status, political affiliation, marital status, veteran status, employment status, or any other human characteristic.
4. This contest is free to enter.
5. Entries are to be emailed to [PRIDE@daytonlgbtcenter.org](mailto:PRIDE@daytonlgbtcenter.org) and must be received between 12:01 am EST on 2/1/2021 and 11:59 pm EST on 2/28/2021. Early or late entries will not be accepted. Entries are to be in SVG, PNG, JPG, or PDF electronic formats. Other formats or media will not be accepted.
6. Each artist may only submit one entry. Group entries are allowed, but the group entry will count as each group member's individual entry.
7. Any entry (not just the winner) may be displayed at The Greater

Dayton LGBT Center, at any of our events, on our website, or on any of our social media platforms at any time (now or in the future).

8. Immediate past winners are not eligible to win a second year in a row.
9. Artwork will be judged on: creativity, theme (Together As One), scalability (reprinting in various sizes and on various materials), and positive representation of our Center, our city, and our community.
10. Your entry must be your own original artwork and concept, not a copy of any other art with or without copyright.
11. The winner agrees that The Greater Dayton LGBT Center has exclusive perpetual license to reproduce images of your work and has full rights to use the 2021 Pride logo on any and all Pride oriented paid or unpaid advertisements, displays, clothing, or other merchandise without penalty, royalties, licensure, or other legal encumbrance or fees.
12. Winner will be selected by The Board of Directors of The Greater Dayton LGBT Center. Artist names and bio's will be hidden from the Board until after the winner has been selected.
13. The winner will receive a \$100 Downtown Dayton Partnership Gift Card (aka Downtown Dollars) subject to the use and rules of the gift card program and a complimentary one year membership to The Center. Winner will also, if they choose, be recognized on stage at Dayton Pride 2021 as well as on The Center website and various social media platforms.
14. By entering the competition, you agree to all rules set forth above.

So as PRIDE Kicks-Off for 2021, good luck and Happy PRIDE!

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## Things To Remember

Even as COVID infection continue to slow down, many events, support groups, and casual gatherings continue Online for now. As such we have all become more accustomed to this type of Online interaction. Yet little of professional development, to date, has looked at how folks learn and interact best when engaged remotely. Although, sometimes I feel like we are the blind leading the blind here. We are not always sure how to make groups work Online. We are not even sure what our expectations should be, yet it has become the new norm. We need to find ways to help folks engage, inquire, and connect. We already have a lot of information on what makes for a good learning experience. We've learned the average attention span of a high schooler lasts for about a six-minute video, for adults this is about 8-9 minutes. The key is you need to find ways to make the content interesting and relevant. You need interaction! So what are some way you can interact with others during this time?

Well, are you HIV+ and looking for support? Positive Attitudes meets Online on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. This anonymous support group is a chance for those living with HIV/AIDS to receive peer driven support, community and fellowship in an affirming and compassionate environment. Email [info@daytonLGBTcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonLGBTcenter.org) or [JakeYousif@EquitasHealth.com](mailto:JakeYousif@EquitasHealth.com) for info on how to join the meeting virtually. This group also has field trips planned for this summer and some great learning events as well. Be sure to join in.

Do you need tested for HIV? For another STI? We can help! Equitas Health's weekly Sexual Health Clinic is happy to assist. They offer free testing for HIV, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis, as well as immediate affordable treatment when appropriate. Hours are Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. To make an appointment call (937) 853-3650 or visit us at [equitashealth.com/makeanappointment/](http://equitashealth.com/makeanappointment/). In addition, we still offer walk-in HIV testing during COVID, every Thursday, from 9 am until 4 pm at 1222 S. Patterson Boulevard, Suite 230, Dayton, Oh 45402. Soon testing and clinic hours will be offered at the LGBTQ Center as well.

Need COVID- 19 Testing?

Drive-in and walk-up COVID-19 testing available by appointment only for the public. COVID-19 antibody testing available in clinics for established Equitas patients. For more info, call (937) 853-3650



Are you interested in taking PrEP? (Pre-Exposure Prophylactic) Connecting with a PrEP navigator who can help is easy! Fill out the request form at [www.ohiv.org/prepconnect](http://www.ohiv.org/prepconnect) and a navigator will contact you to talk about PrEP and get you connected to a doctor who prescribes PrEP. The navigator will also help you get the cost of PrEP covered. Most people living in Ohio will not pay anything for PrEP!

## Bravo

Are you or someone you know in the LGBTQ community experiencing anti-LGBTQ violence, intimate partner or family violence, sexual violence, or stalking? BRAVO is here to help. Contact us by calling, 866-862-7286, sending a text message to 614-333-1907 or chat with one of our staff members at [bravo-ohio.org](http://bravo-ohio.org) . Reports are confidential and services are free.

## Breast/Chest Health in the LGBTQ+ Community

We are excited to offer a FREE one-hour webinar for radiologic technologists, nurses, or anyone providing mammography services. There are six available sessions between February and April 2021 with Social work, counseling and radiological technologist CE's available. Topics we will cover: How cancer health disparities impact the LGBTQ+ community and their possible causes, Best practices for providing breast/chest cancer screenings to the LGBTQ+ community and tips for providing culturally humble and structurally competent LGBTQ+ breast/chest care. For more information and registration, please visit <https://equitashealthinstitute.com/events/breast-chest-health-in-the-lgbtq-community-2-2-2-2/>

## Rural Voices Summit

Rural Voices provides opportunities for learning, sharing, and finding community. Sessions will cover topics including trans and gender diverse health & health disparities, and accessibility of care to understand “caring” both in relation to healthcare as well as community-building. Through lenses of intersectionality, allyship, and advocacy, all sessions feature panels or presentations from a wide range of backgrounds and lived experiences. To apply for a scholarship, please fill out our application at <https://tinyurl.com/y2p8bhy4> before February 19th, 2021.

**FREE**

# Yoga

Led by Matt Turner

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(Classes limited to 15 people ~ masks & social distancing is required!)

**Thursday's**  
**7 Pm**  
(Beginners  
& Intermediates)



**Beginning**  
**In**  
**February**

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## **POZITIVE ATTITUDES**

*an HIV+ support group*

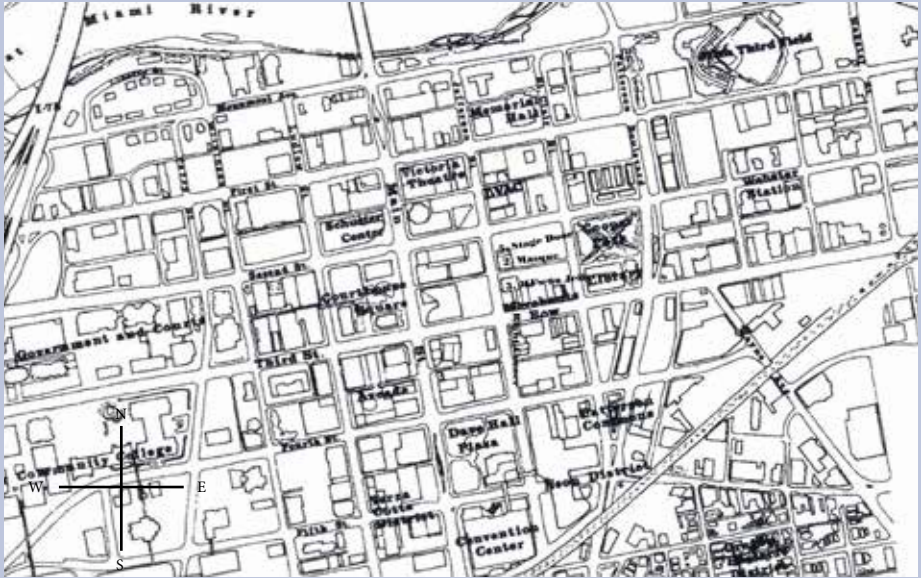


**Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.**

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# GayDaytonMap



18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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Sunday ~ Saturday opens at 5 pm Closed Mondays