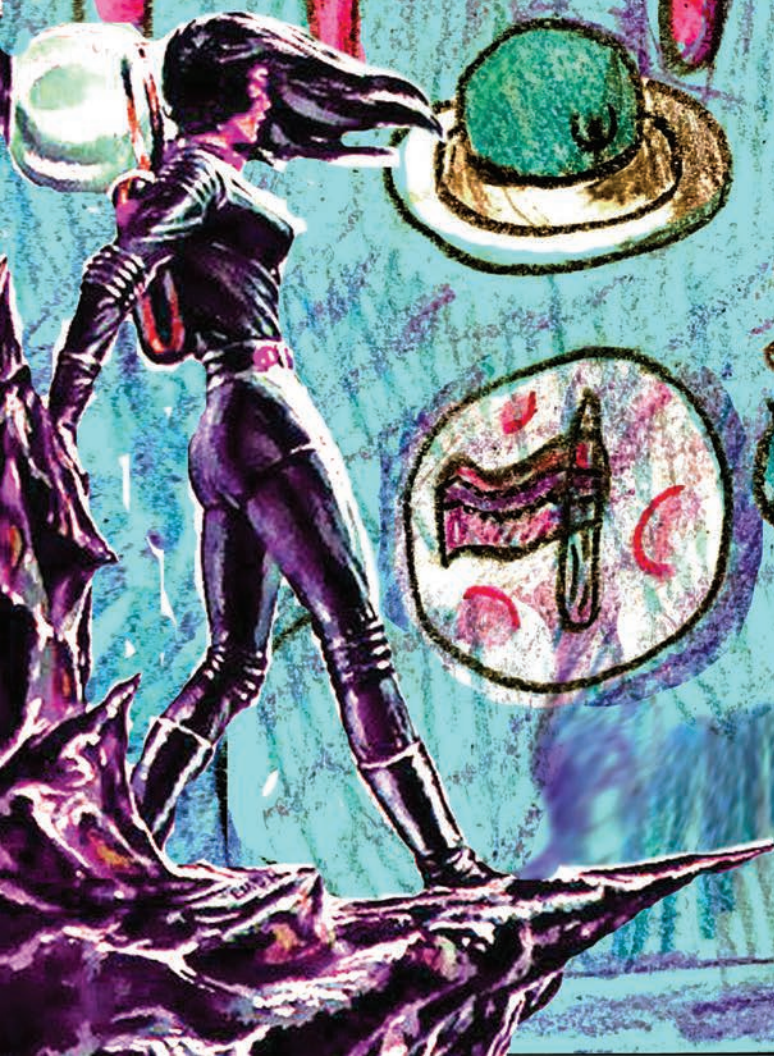




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FAQ's

What am I holding?

A zine. Often put together by a few individuals with limited materials, zines are small, short magazine-type print media that provide an alternative to advertising-laden magazines featuring unrealistic and damaging depictions of individuals and communities. Zines are not intended to be perfectly and sleekly designed. Instead, zines value *authenticity*. This year, since many of us are working or going to school online, we wanted to expand the types of submissions we can accept, including those in color and using multimedia art forms.

Why did y'all print these?

Zines are spaces for people whose voices usually go unheard (in this zine, LGBTQ+ people and their families, friends, and allies across the community) to speak and express themselves through various types of art. Zines have been used as a method of consciousness-raising through the collection, capture, and archival of artistic and creative expressions of the lived experiences of individuals, or a community of individuals, as they know it, not as others perceive it by a number of different social movements. We started this tradition as part of LGBTQ History Month in 2019, and archived zines are available at the Okra Out Front website.

What should I do with it?

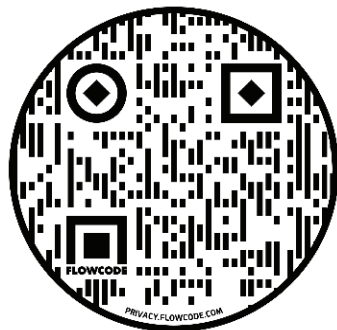
Read it and hand it to someone else after you are done. Hand it to a friend, neighbor, family member, or whomever. If you want to keep it, that is okay too. If, once you are done with it, you want to leave it somewhere else where someone may find it and enjoy reading it, please do.

Some of this stuff is not what I was expecting, seems odd, or is not what I could call normal. What is that about?

The point of the zine is to capture the authentic experience of those people who are submitting, so we published the submissions we received that met our parameters. This is a community art project, and we want as many people involved as want to be.

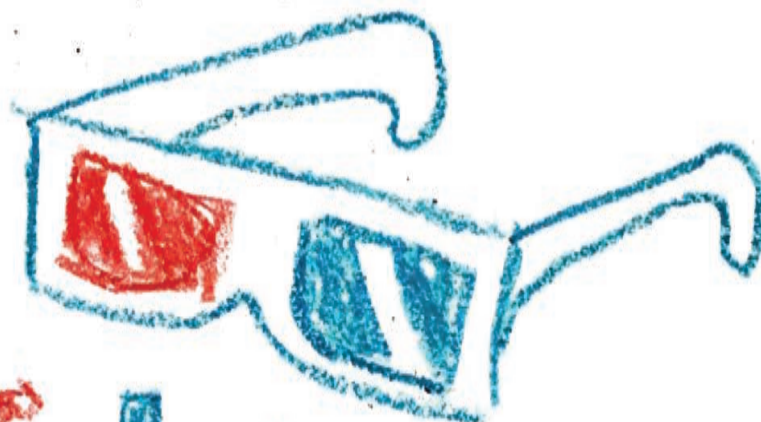
How do I get involved in the next issue?

This is the last planned issue of 2020's Volume II. Archives of all previous Volumes are available at the Okra Out Front website. Scan the QR code with your internet-connected device's camera and open the link from there!



Bi Visibility

NOW IN



Stereo

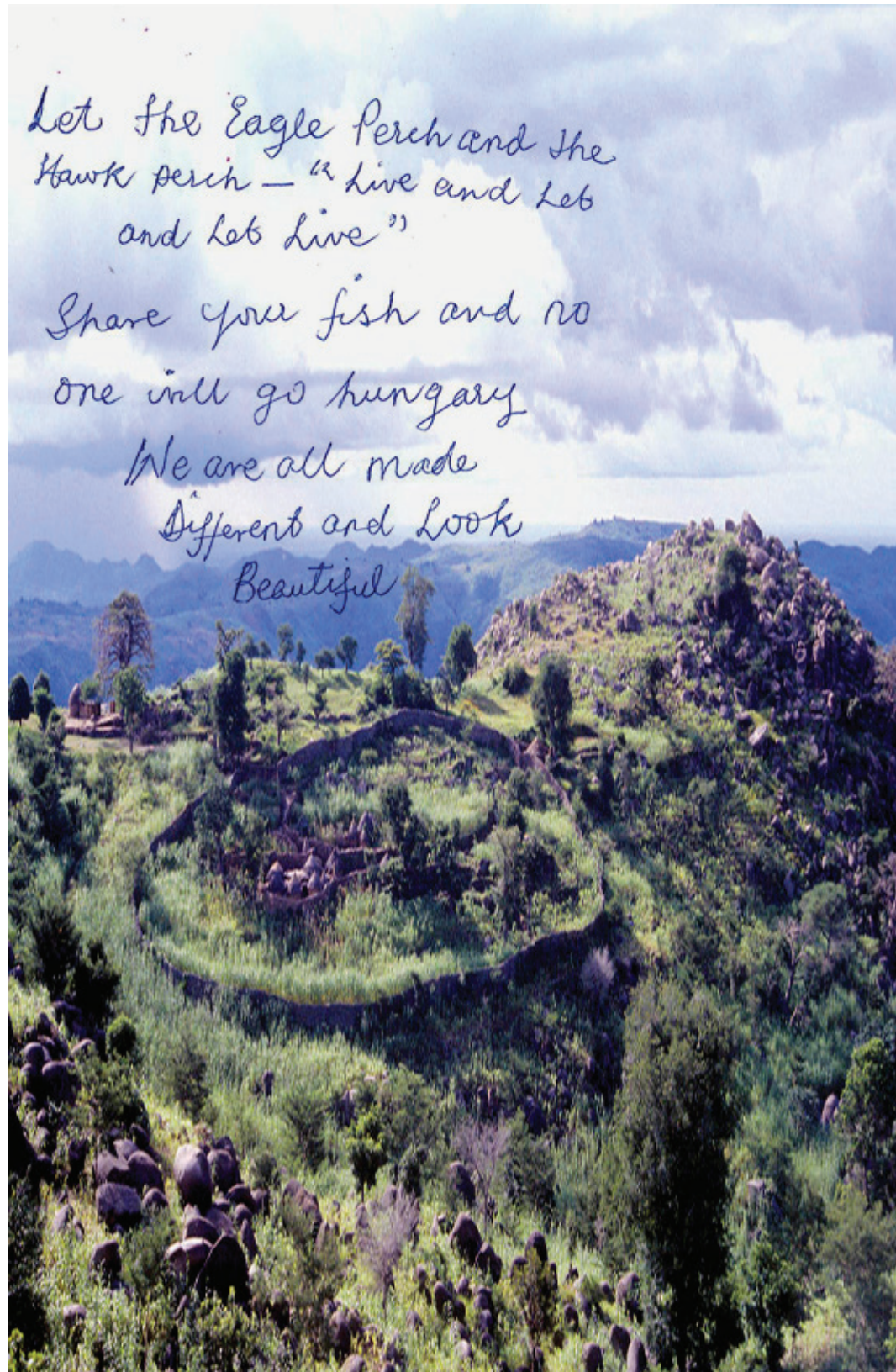
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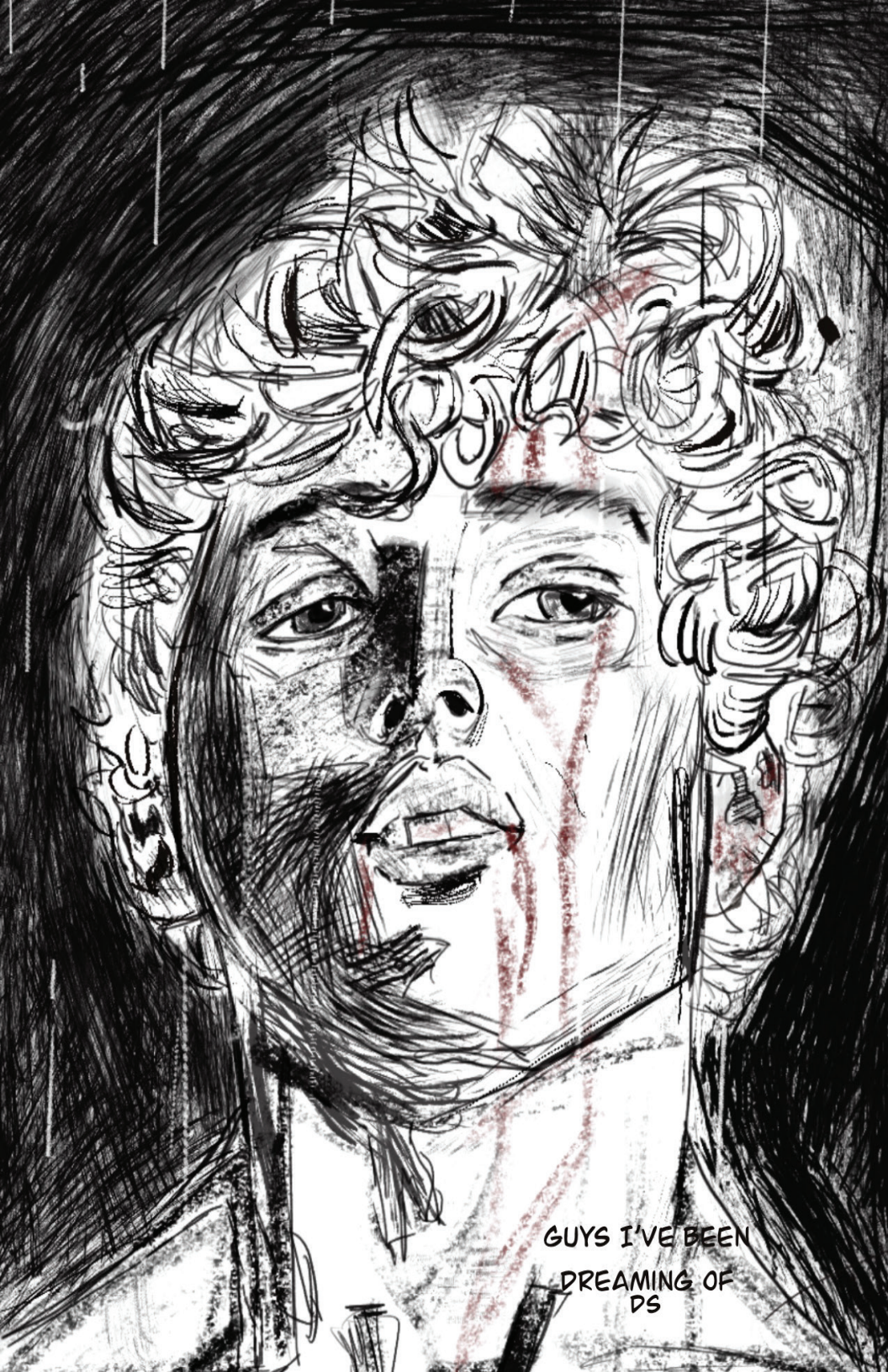
I usually feel like I have to hide
who I am. It's not safe to be queer
anywhere, but especially not in Mississippi.
This year I ~~wrote~~^{started} the journey of being
"kind of queer, or whatever, maybe."
I fought with my best friend, I have
been compared with pedophiles and drug
addicts - the last comparison is funny
because I'm in recovery. There are
a disproportionate amount of queer people
in recovery by the way. I got kicked
out of housing this year for being queer
(not campus housing, by the way). But
this night at Okra Out Front? I feel
worthy of being celebrated. Thanks.

Let the Eagle Perch and the
Hawk Perch - "live and let
and let live"

Share your fish and no
one will go hungry

We are all made
Different and Look
Beautiful





GUYS I'VE BEEN
DREAMING OF
DS

This last year has been a journey for me. Realizing I'm gender fluid has helped me figure out a lot of who I am. I have also bonded with many of my now close friends because of it.

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I hate corons
but I love gas

CAME ALL THE way From

OK, to say
Petta Pride is OKAY!

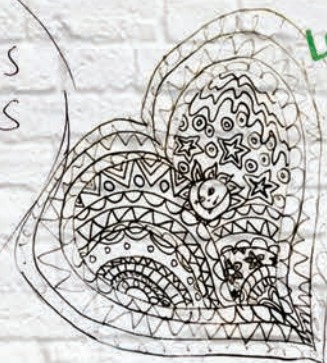
The world is
full of enough
hate and negativity
How can we hate people
for loving and wanting
to be loved in return?
Love ALL!!!!

Love has no boundaries



I love
having a space
for my child to
feel loved, welcome,
celebrated, + safe

OPEN ARMS
OPEN HEARTS
OPEN minds
Always!



Love is Love

I shouldn't be
afraid, but I am.

MORE
LESS HATE



Black
Trans
lives
Matter

I do not understand
how any parents
can look their baby
in the eye and reject
them. Please know that
you are wonderfully and
perfect exactly AS you are

I Feel
GAY!

I am Gay's
PROUD!

Be Gay
Do Crimes
Live Life

Black LGBT+ IS

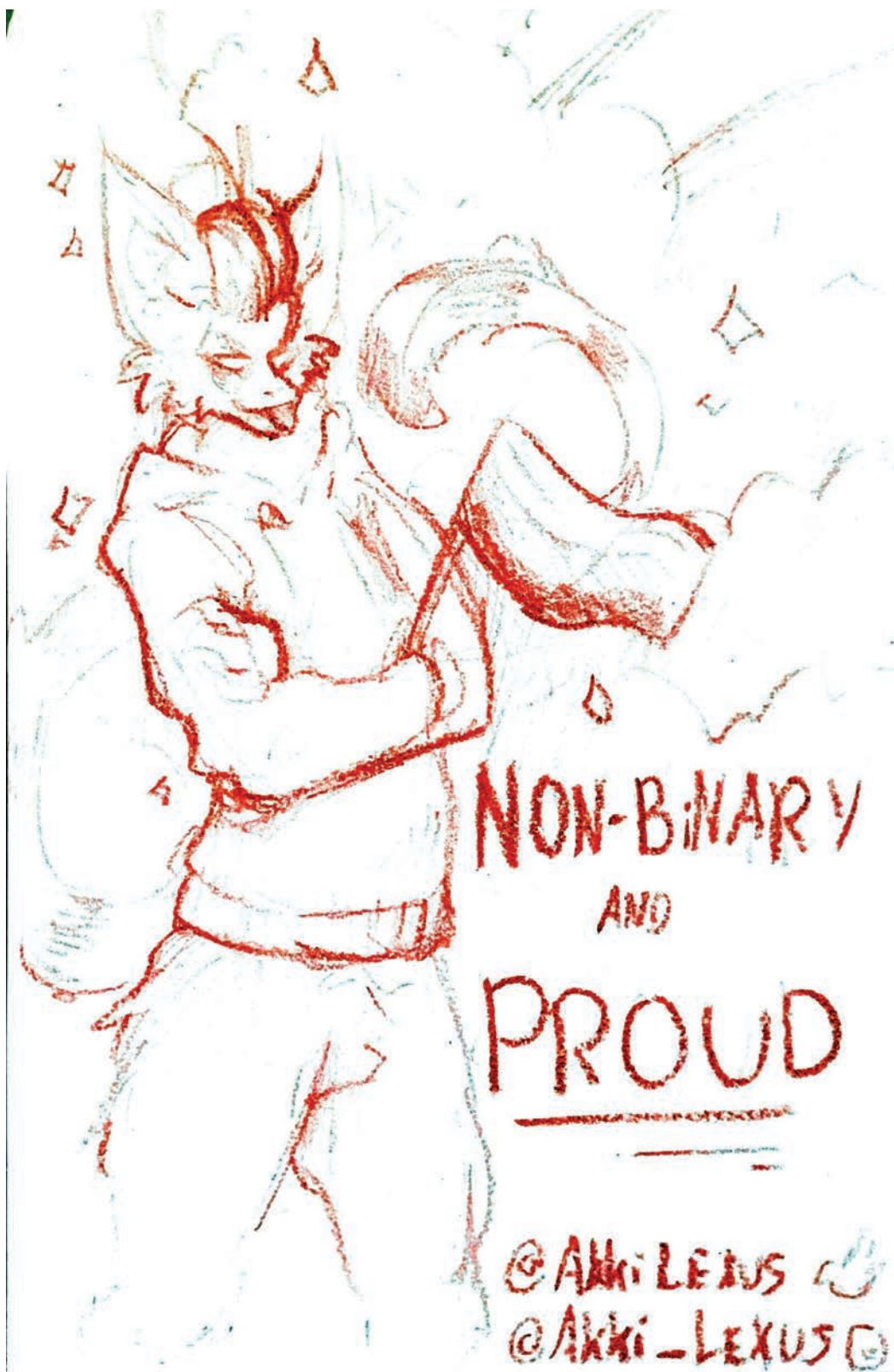
Keep
Calm and
DRAG on

VALID

This is MY First Pride, and I want to
say I am very Scared but I feel
at home here.



Queer People's Word



CHILDREN *are the future*





AND DARLING
DARLING STAND
BY ME~

YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT!

- BEARO

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP:

The hotlines listed below provide services to callers across the country. If you are looking for a local support network, also contact one of PFLAG's more than 400 chapters in the United States.

IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS:

The Trevor Project: (866) 488-7386

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255 (online chat available)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Crisis Text Line: Text START to 741-741*

Crisis Text Line is free, 24/7 support for those in crisis. Text from anywhere in the USA to text with a trained Crisis Counselor.

The GLBT National Youth Talkline

(Youth serving youth through age 25): (800) 246-7743*

*Both of the above provide telephone, online private one-to-one chat and email peer-support, as well as information and local resources for cities and towns across the US.

DSU Counseling Center:

The Campus Counseling Center is open and FREE to students, faculty and staff, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stress management, Counseling, and Alcohol/Drug use appointments made in person or by calling Kashanta Jackson.

YOUTH INFORMATION:

The National Runaway Safeline: 800-RUNAWAY (800-786-2929)

Provides advice and assistance to runaways, including resources, shelter, transportation, assistance in finding counseling, and transitioning back to home life. NRS frontline staff will also act as advocates and mediators if/as needed.

The True Colors United: (212) 461-4401

The True Colors Fund is working to end homelessness among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth, creating a world in which all young people can be their true selves. True Colors United runs a database of service providers.

HIV/AIDS INFORMATION:

National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-AIDS / (800) 344-7432 (Spanish) / (800) 243-7889 (TDD)

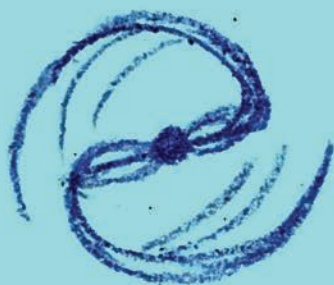
OTHER HOTLINES:

U.S. National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233 (English and Spanish)
(800) 787-3224 (TTY)

They also have an online chat feature available. Operating around the clock, seven days a week, confidential and free of cost, the National Domestic Violence Hotline provides lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable victims to find safety and live lives free of abuse. Highly trained, experienced advocates offer compassionate support, crisis intervention information and referral services in over 170 languages.

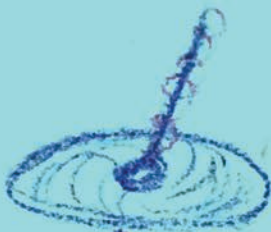
Pride Institute: (800) 547-7433 24/7

Chemical dependency/mental health referral and information hotline for the LGBTQ community.



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