

APRIL 2026



# KALEIDOSCOPE

## NEWSLETTER

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Kaleidoscope is a community-based LGBTQIA+ program that offers monthly meetings and ongoing virtual platforms in a welcoming atmosphere where teens and young adults like you can find support, guidance, and a sense of community.

Kaleidoscope provides a safe, supportive environment for queer and allied teens, young adults, and families to gather, socialize, organize, and help each other!

See the CALENDAR on the next page for meeting dates and times!

Interested in Joining? Email us at:

 [kaleidoscope@centerffs.org](mailto:kaleidoscope@centerffs.org)

*"I enjoy being able to be there for kids and young adults who are trying to survive life. I love that in the groups everyone is safe to be who they are. It brings me a lot of joy as well to be a part of Kaleidoscope because I feel like I'm able to contribute in a small way to making everyone feel accepted and valued."*

**-Kaleidoscope Advocate**

To stay up to date on upcoming events and community resources, follow Kaleidoscope on [Facebook!](#)



<https://www.facebook.com/KaleidoscopeNJ/>

## Rainbow Roots Spotlight

Did you know that in addition to supporting youth and young adults, Kaleidoscope also has a group for rainbow families?

Rainbow Roots is our soft space social group for LGBTQIA2S+ caregivers and their school-aged children.

Join the Rainbow Roots crew for community, support, and of course, free snacks! Scan the QR code to register and get information about the next meeting.



<https://forms.gle/qCw68oc6DPSUmfeT6>

# April 2026



## KALEIDOSCOPE

servicing LGBTQIA+ teens and young adults

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	National Arab American Heritage Month	Autism Acceptance Month	1	2 Mercer County Youth Meeting 3-5pm	3	4
5	6	7	8 NEW! Stockton Group 6-7:30pm	9	10 Camden County Young Adult Out and About Event 6-8pm	11 ← Also on 4/10: National Day of Silence National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 National Trans HIV/AIDS Testing Day
19 Nonbinary Parent's Day	20 Lesbian Visibility Week 20th-26th	21	22	23	24 Camden County Youth Out and About Event 6-8pm	25
26 Lesbian Visibility Day	27	28	29	30 Mercer County Young Adult Meeting 5-7pm		

- **April 2nd: Mercer County Youth Meeting.** Meetings are open to youth ages 12-17 and are held on the first Thursday of the month from 3-5pm.
- **April 8th: Stockton University Atlantic County Kaleidoscope Group.** Meetings are open to teens ages 13-18 and are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30pm. Email [stocktonscope@gmail.com](mailto:stocktonscope@gmail.com) to register!
- **April 10th: Camden County Young Adult Out and About Event.** Young adult meet-ups are held on the second Friday of the month. This quarterly Out and About Event is open to young adults ages 18-24 and will be from 6-8pm out in the community in lieu of the regular meeting.
- **March 27th Camden County Youth Meeting.** Teen meet-ups are held on the second fourth of the month. This quarterly Out and About Event is open to youth ages 12-17 and will be from 6-8pm out in the community in lieu of the regular meeting.
- **April 30th: Mercer County Young Adult Meeting.** Meetings are open to young adults ages 18-24 and are held on the last Thursday of the month from 5-7pm.



# STOCKTON MEETING RECAP



The Stockton Kaleidoscope group had a super fun March meeting!

We ate snacks, talked about the most recent thing we geeked out about, played the card game spoons (it got pretty competitive!), and made collages.

We also brainstormed possible Out & About events for the summer, including a crochet class and a trip to the Renaissance Fair.

We are really enjoying getting to know new friends in a safe, relaxed, and friendly environment, and we hope you will join us!

This group is open to LGBTQ+ youth and allies ages 13-18. Email [stocktonscope@gmail.com](mailto:stocktonscope@gmail.com) to register.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



It's that time of year again... Time to get excited about **Haddon Township Equity Initiative's HT Pride Parade on Thursday, June 4th, 2026!**

Save the date, and stay tuned for more information about marching with Center For Family Services and Kaleidoscope! We would love to walk with you.

Scan the QR code for more information, and visit the link in their bio if you're looking to get more involved with their events this June. See you there!



<https://www.facebook.com/haddontwpsequityinitiative/posts/we-are-proud-to-announce-the-6th-annual-haddon-township-pride-parade-events-host/956949086906718/>



**CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES**  
NJ4S

# HOP INTO SAFETY: A FAMILY FUN DAY

**Join us for a day of workshops, food, family-friendly activities, giveaways, and more.**

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 12PM - 4PM

**REGISTER NOW**



Wiggins Center - 400 Mt. Vernon Street Camden NJ 08103

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
856 - 651 - 7455  
NJ4SVICINAGE4@CENTERFFS.ORG

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# PAINTING WITH A PURPOSE

**PAINTING WITH A TWIST**  
127 ARK RD #18  
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054

Friday, April 10, 2026  
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Grab a brush and make a difference! Join us for a night of painting, fun, and community while supporting CONTACT of Burlington County during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Reserve your seat and paint for a cause!



**CONTACT**  
OF BURLINGTON COUNTY  
Support. Empower. Advocate.

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# NEW JERSEY Queer & Trans MAKERS MARKET

**SUNDAY APRIL 26**  
12-5pm  
\$5 ADMISSION



**GARDEN STATE EQUALITY**

**COMMUNITY HOUSE OF MOORESTOWN**  
16 E Main St. Moorestown, NJ 08057



# The Power of Poetry: A Month to Reflect & Create

April is National Poetry Month!

“Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets’ integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K–12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and—of course—poets, marking poetry’s important place in our lives.” Scan the QR code below to learn more about how to get involved this April, or to simply read some poetry!

## What is poetry?

Poetry can be so many things! It’s about using language as a tool to express yourself or ideas through imagery and more. It can have a structure, or it can be free verse. The beautiful thing about poetry is that there’s not one right way way to be a poet!

**national  
poetry month**

<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month>



## How to incorporate more art into your daily life

Poetry is a great healthy coping skill because you can express yourself in a safe space, tap into your creativity, and build self-confidence. Whether it’s poetry, drawing, making music, or something else special to you, setting a goal to create for just 10 minutes a day can be a great way to incorporate more art into your life, especially during the month of April. Also, while creating is important, experiencing art is just as essential! Spending time reading poetry or connecting with other artists can also inspire you to express yourself more. Check out books from your local library!



Help is just a call away. **NJ PRISM**, our statewide hotline providing information and referrals to New Jersey's LGBTQIA+ Community, offers resources including prevention and support services, medical care access needs, community safe space groups, advocacy and legal resources.

**NOTE: The hotline is only live answered from 8am-6pm, Monday-Friday. If you call during hours of non-operation, you can leave a message that will be returned the next business day.**

Get connected by calling 844.NJPRISM (657.7476) today!



You can make a difference in the lives of LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults.

Your gift in any amount will create a supportive, affirming environment for a young person seeking community with other members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

If you are interested in donating, scan the QR Code to access the Center for Family Services donation page.

At the bottom of the page there is an option to select "Donate to a Specific Program" and you can note that you'd like your donation to be for Kaleidoscope. Thank you for considering!



<https://centerffs.org/get-involved/donate>