



Community Needs Survey 2021 Questions

Demographics

1. What city or town do you live in?

- Cambria
- Hartland
- Lewiston
- Lockport (City of)
- Lockport (Town of)
- Newfane
- Niagara (Town of)
- Niagara Falls (City of)
- North Tonawanda
- Pendleton
- Porter
- Somerset
- Wheatfield
- Wilson
- I don't live in Niagara County
- Other

2. How many years have you lived in Niagara County? If you have lived here for less than one year, please enter "1."

3. In what county do you work or go to school?

- Niagara
- Erie
- Orleans
- Genesee
- Wyoming
- Chautauqua
- Cattaraugus
- Monroe
- Other

4. How do you identify in terms of your sexual orientation?

- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Pansexual
- Asexual/Aromantic
- Poly
- Demisexual / Demiromantic

- Two Spirit
- Queer
- Questioning
- Straight / Heterosexual
- Other

5. How do you describe your gender identity?

- Male / Cisman (men who were assigned male at birth and feel that the words "man" and "male" accurately describe who they are)
- Female / Ciswoman (women who were assigned female at birth and feel that the words "woman" and "female" accurately describe who they are)
- Transman
- Transwoman
- Gender Non-binary / Gender Nonconforming
- Intersex
- Gender Queer
- Other

6. How do you describe your race/ethnicity? Please select the one you most identify with. If you would like to provide more detail about your race/ethnicity, please do so in the box provided.

- Black / African American
- White / Caucasian
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Native American / American Indian
- Latino / Latina / Latinx
- Middle Eastern
- Bi- or Multi-racial
- Other

7. What is your current housing situation? Please check only one. If your housing situation changes frequently, please check the one that describes where you have stayed most often in the past six months

- Own a house
- Rent an apartment or house
- Assisted living or nursing care
- Houseless / Homeless
- Public Housing
- Shelter
- Staying with friends or family
- Single room occupancy hotel
- Transitional Housing
- Other

8. Do you have children?

- Yes
- No, but plan to in the future
- No, and don't plan to in the future

9. If YES to Question 9, my child(ren) is/are: (Please check all that apply)

- Under 5 years old
- 6-12 years old
- 13-17 years old
- 18 years old or older

10. What is your current relationship status?

- Single (including divorced or widowed)
- In a relationship with one or more partners
- Partnered
- Legally married / domestic partnership
- Other

11. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

- Yes
- No

12. Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?

- Yes
- No

13. Have you ever been homeless?

- Yes
- No

14. Have you ever been incarcerated?

- Yes
- No

15. Do you currently have a primary care doctor or access routine medical care?

- Yes
- No

16. Do you currently have health insurance, either private, Medicaid, Medicare, VA healthcare, or other?

- Yes
- No

17. What is your total household income?

- Less than \$20,000 a year
- \$20,001 - \$40,000 a year
- \$40,001 - \$60,000 a year
- \$60,001 - \$80,000 a year
- \$80,001 - \$100,000 a year
- \$100,001 - \$150,000 a year
- More than \$150,000 a year

18. What is your highest level of education completed? (Please check only one)

- Elementary or middle school
- Some high school
- High school diploma or GED
- Some college, didn't complete degree
- Vocational certificate
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree or higher
- Do not know/remember
- Other

19. Are you in school now (part time or full time)?

- Yes
- No

20. Please select the option that best describes your current employment:

- Full time
- Part time and seeking additional work
- Part time and not seeking additional work
- Not working, and looking for work
- Retire
- Disabled and unable to work
- Other

Feelings of Safety as a Person in the LGBTQ+ Community

21. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?

(Strongly Disagree; Disagree; Agree; Strongly Agree)

- I am comfortable being as openly out as I want to be most of the time in the town/city where I live.
- I am comfortable being as openly out as I want to be most of the time in Niagara County.
- If I were in trouble in a public space, I think someone would help me.
- I have someone to confide in or talk to about my problems.
- I have someone to get together with for fun.
- I have someone I could ask to help me with daily chores if I were sick.
- I have a sense of connection to the LGBTQ+ community in the town/city where I live.
- I have a sense of connection to the LGBTQ+ community in Niagara County.

22. We are interested in knowing how safe you feel in various parts of your daily life. Safety can mean physical or emotional safety, including being free from fear of harassment, threats, violence, loss, or having your rights violated.

(Unsafe all or most of the time; Unsafe more often than safe; Safe more often than unsafe; Safe all or most of the time; Not Applicable)

- In your neighborhood?
- With the person or people you date or are in a relationship with?
- Where you work?
- At your school?
- On public transit?
- Interacting with police or other law enforcement officials?

23. The next set of questions asks you how you feel about the safety of your options are in Niagara County for places to live, work, and get help. Please mark how much you disagree or agree with each statement below.

(Strongly Disagree; Disagree; Agree; Strongly Agree; Not Applicable)

I am concerned about my physical and emotional safety due to being a member of the LGBTQ+ community in Niagara County when I seek services or do the following...

- Housing
- Transportation
- Employment
- Physical Health Care
- Mental Health or Addictions Services
- Shopping (going to local stores for groceries, clothing, etc.)
- Banking
- Go to restaurants or bars
- Go to recreational establishments such as movie theaters
- Go to school or class
- Attend community events like fairs, festivals, concerts
- Attend religious services

Your Needs

24. In the past 12 months, how often have you experienced any of the following?

(Never in the past 12 months; About 1-5 times in the past 12 months; About 6-10 times in the past 12 months; More than 10 times in the past 12 months)

- Not has a place to sleep for the night and stayed in a car or on the street?
- Not had a place to sleep for the night, and stayed with friends or family?
- Not had enough food to eat or money to buy food for you or your family?
- Not had money to buy medicine for you or your family that was needed?
- Not had enough money for transportation you needed?
- Had power (gas and electric) or water shut off because you didn't have enough money to pay the bills?

25. To the best of your knowledge, is there an LGBTQ+ specific provider or LGBTQ+ affirming provider who provides these services in Niagara County?

(Yes; No; I Don't Know)

LGBTQ+ Specific or Affirming Provider or Service

- LGBTQ+ Youth Services
- Employment Services

- Planning for retirement
- Staying in my home as I get older / in-home health care
- Immigration related services
- Housing services / shelters / houselessness services
- Health care services
- Mental health services
- Addiction services
- Legal services
- Childcare services
- Adult / elder care services
- Faith or Spirituality services
- Community activities / social interactions / social groups
- Transportation
- Accounting / financial services
- Sexual health / reproductive health / HIV or AIDS treatment / PrEP services
- Veteran/Servicemember or spouse of Veteran/Servicemember services
- Food pantry / food bank
- Domestic violence services

26. How important is it to have LGBTQ+ specific or LGBTQ+ affirming providers offering the following services in Niagara County?

(Very Important; Moderately Important; Slightly Important; Not Important; No Need for an LGBTQ+ provider or affirming provider in Niagara County)

LGBTQ+ Specific or Affirming Provider or Service

- LGBTQ+ Youth Services
- Employment Services
- Planning for retirement
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- Legal services
- Childcare services
- Adult / elder care services
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- Community activities / social interactions / social groups
- Transportation
- Accounting / financial services
- Sexual health / reproductive health / HIV or AIDS treatment / PrEP services

- Veteran/ Servicemember or spouse of Veteran/ Servicemember services
- Food pantry / food bank
- Domestic violence services – this service was accidentally omitted in the survey

Your Experiences with Accessing Services You Need: Medical / Physical Health Care

In this section, you will be asked about several types of services and your typical experience using them. You will not be asked to share any details about the reason you sought or needed any kind of help. In answering these questions, please respond only about your experiences in Niagara County or the surrounding areas in the past 3 years.

Medical / Physical Health Care - Visiting a hospital, doctor’s office, or other healthcare provider to address and heal physical health issues or injuries. This does not include behavioral/mental health, which you will be asked about later in the survey.

(Because HIV/AIDS has historically been and continues to be a critically important issue in the LGBTQ+ community, most surveys of LGBTQ+ people include questions about this issue area, and thus you may be expecting to see it here. We want to explain that HIV/AIDS is intentionally not part of this survey— not because it isn’t important, but because there is already ample documentation of the need for HIV prevention and treatment, and with this survey we are trying to gather information about the many other issue areas we have less information about in our community. Thank you for your understanding.)

27. Did you visit any kind of clinic, doctor, nurse practitioner, or other medical care provider in the past three years?

(Yes; No, but I needed this service; No, but I did not need this service)

28. If you answered YES [to the question above], please tell us how often are the following statements true for your typical experience with your medical provider?

(Never or almost never; Sometimes; Most of the time; Always; Not Applicable)

- I get what I need out of it
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my gender identity/expression (ie. transgender, non-binary, intersex, gender-fluid, etc)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my sexual orientation (ie. lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, demisexual, etc.)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective as a person of color

- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my age
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my disability-related needs

29. Which statement best describes the agency where you usually get your health care? (Please think about the organization where you receive care, not your provider's identity.)

- An LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice
- Non-LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice, but with an LGBTQ+ specific program
- A general (non-LGBTQ+) organization /clinic/practice

30. Do any of the following concerns or situations keep you from seeking health care services? (Please check all that apply)

- Not knowing how or where to access this service
- The amount of time I had to wait to be helped was too long
- Not being able to afford this service
- Not having a way to get there
- The services were not available in my primary language
- Not having anyone to take care of others (like kids or elders in my care) so I could go
- The service is not accessible for people with disabilities
- Concern that the services would not be trans-friendly
- Concern that the services would not be queer/LGB friendly
- Concern that the services would not be culturally sensitive
- Concern that the services would not be friendly to people my age
- Being afraid someone I know would find out I was using this service
- Being afraid that my parents/guardians or Child Protective Services would be notified
- Being afraid that I would be reported to immigration or other authorities
- Other responses:
 - "I go to Trillium. Evergreen and Memorial have issues."
 - "No concerns"
 - "The only reason none of the aforementioned are an issue, is that I had to search for a provider that could meet my needs, which I am aware that the LGBTQ+ community does not always have that privilege!"
 - "Feel 'invisible' as a lesbian/bisexual woman. Providers presume 'straight female.'"
 - "None"

Your Experiences with Accessing Services You Need: Emotional Support / Mental Health Counseling / Therapy

Includes short term / crisis intervention counseling, long term/regular counseling or therapy, and support groups.

31. Did you go to therapy or counseling, or use any kind of support group, drop-in group, or other kind of emotional or mental health support in the past three years?

(Yes; No, but I needed this service; No, but I did not need this service)

32. If you answered YES [to the question above], please tell us how often the following statements are true for your typical experience getting emotional support, counseling, and/or therapy. If you answered NO [to the question above], please skip to question [35].

(Never or almost never; Sometimes; Most of the time; Always; Not Applicable)

- I get what I need out of it
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my gender identity/expression (ie. transgender, non-binary, intersex, gender-fluid, etc)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my sexual orientation (ie. lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, demisexual, etc.)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective as a person of color
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my age
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my disability-related needs

33. Which statement best describes the agency where do you usually get your emotional support services? (Please think about the organization where you receive care, not your individual provider's identity.)

- An LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice
- Non-LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice, but with an LGBTQ+ specific program
- A general (non-LGBTQ+) organization /clinic/practice

34. How do you usually get emotional support services?

- Only over the phone
- Only on the internet
- Only in person
- A mix of in-person and phone/internet-based help

35. Do any of the following concerns or situations keep you from seeking emotional support services? (Please check all that apply)

- Not knowing how or where to access this service
- The amount of time I had to wait to be helped was too long
- Not being able to afford this service
- Not having a way to get there
- The services were not available in my primary language
- Not having anyone to take care of others (like kids or elders in my care) so I could go
- The service is not accessible for people with disabilities
- Concern that the services would not be trans-friendly
- Concern that the services would not be queer/LGB friendly
- Concern that the services would not be culturally sensitive
- Concern that the services would not be friendly to people my age
- Being afraid someone I know would find out I was using this service
- Being afraid that my parents/guardians or Child Protective Services would be notified
- Being afraid that I would be reported to immigration or other authorities
- Other responses:
 - “Trauma / COVID loss (zero programs)”
 - “I would never have been able to afford my care if I hadn’t lost my job due to my new disability and gone on Medicaid”
 - “None”
 - “none”
 - “None at this time”

Your Experiences with Accessing Services You Need: Legal Services / Information / Advocacy

36. Did you use any kind of legal assistance in the past three years?

(Yes; No, but I needed this service; No, but I did not need this service)

37. If you answered YES [to the question above], please tell us how often are the following statements true for your typical experience getting legal services, information, or advocacy services? If you answered NO [to the question above], please skip to question [40].

(Never or almost never; Sometimes; Most of the time; Always; Not Applicable)

- I get what I need out of it
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my gender identity/expression (ie. transgender, non-binary, intersex, gender-fluid, etc)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my sexual orientation (ie. lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, demisexual, etc.)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective as a person of color
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my age
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my disability-related needs

38. Which statement best describes the agency where do you usually get your legal services? (Please think about the organization where you receive services, not your attorney or other helper's identity.)

- An LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice
- Non-LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice, but with an LGBTQ+ specific program
- A general (non-LGBTQ+) organization /clinic/practice

39. How do you usually get legal services?

- Only over the phone
- Only on the internet
- Only in person (ie. I visit an office or center)
- A mix of in-person and phone/internet-based help

40. Do any of the following concerns or situations keep you from seeking legal assistance? (Please check all that apply)

- Not knowing how or where to access this service
- The amount of time I had to wait to be helped was too long
- Not being able to afford this service
- Not having a way to get there
- The services were not available in my primary language
- Not having anyone to take care of others (like kids or elders in my care) so I could go
- The service is not accessible for people with disabilities

- Concern that the services would not be trans-friendly
- Concern that the services would not be queer/LGB friendly
- Concern that the services would not be culturally sensitive
- Concern that the services would not be friendly to people my age
- Being afraid someone I know would find out I was using this service
- Being afraid that my parents/guardians or Child Protective Services would be notified
- Being afraid that I would be reported to immigration or other authorities
- Other responses:
 - “None”
 - “n/a”
 - “None”
 - “None at this time”

Your Experiences with Accessing Services You Need: Housing

Assistance with securing a place to stay or live, or keeping your current housing. Includes, but is not limited to, getting tenant counseling, housing assistance, and/or using shelters.

41. Did you use any kind of housing support or assistance in the past three years?

(Yes; No, but I needed this service; No, but I did not need this service)

42. If you answered YES [to the question above], please tell us how often are the following statements true for your typical experience getting housing services? If you answered NO [to the question above], please skip to question [45].

(Never or almost never; Sometimes; Most of the time; Always; Not Applicable)

- I get what I need out of it
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my gender identity/expression (ie. transgender, non-binary, intersex, gender-fluid, etc)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my sexual orientation (ie. lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, demisexual, etc.)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective as a person of color
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my age
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my disability-related needs

43. Which statement best describes the agency where do you usually get your housing support services? (Please think about the organization where you receive care, not your service provider's identity.)

- An LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice
- Non-LGBTQ+ focused organization/clinic/practice, but with an LGBTQ+ specific program
- A general (non-LGBTQ+) organization /clinic/practice

44. How do you usually get housing support services?

- Only over the phone
- Only on the internet
- Only in person (ie. I visit an office or center)
- A mix of in-person and phone/internet-based help

45. Do any of the following concerns or situations keep you from seeking help with housing issues? (Please check all that apply)

- Not knowing how or where to access this service
- The amount of time I had to wait to be helped was too long
- Not being able to afford this service
- Not having a way to get there
- The services were not available in my primary language
- Not having anyone to take care of others (like kids or elders in my care) so I could go
- The service is not accessible for people with disabilities
- Concern that the services would not be trans-friendly
- Concern that the services would not be queer/LGB friendly
- Concern that the services would not be culturally sensitive
- Concern that the services would not be friendly to people my age
- Being afraid someone I know would find out I was using this service
- Being afraid that my parents/guardians or Child Protective Services would be notified
- Being afraid that I would be reported to immigration or other authorities
- Other responses:
 - "None"
 - "n/a"
 - "None"
 - "did not use housing services"

Make Your Voice Heard

The following questions are about the options you have for making your voice heard in our society.

46. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about your options for making your voice heard?

(Strongly Disagree; Disagree; Agree; Strongly Agree)

- I believe at least one of my local elected officials has my best interest at heart
- I know of ways to provide my own input into local laws, policies, and decisions
- There is at least one LGBTQ+ organization or group of advocates in my county who speaks up for the issues that personally affect me.
- In general, I feel that the laws and policies in the city where I live support LGBTQ+ people

LGBTQ+ Community and Social Events

Ways that you connect to the LGBTQ community through events, gatherings, and other social activities. These events could include, going to LGBTQ-specific social events, celebrations, religious services, talks, concerts, or other organized events in public spaces.

47. Did you participate in any kind of organized social or community activities or events for LGBTQ community members in the past three years?

- Yes
- No, but I want to participate in such opportunities
- No, but I do not want to participate in such opportunities

48. If you answered YES to [the question above], please tell us more about your typical experience participating in LGBTQ-specific social or community events in Niagara County and the surrounding areas by letting us know how often the following statements are true for you? If you answered NO to [the question above], please skip to question [49]

(Never or almost never; Sometimes; Most of the time; Always; Not Applicable)

- I get what I need out of it
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my gender identity/expression (ie. transgender, non-binary, intersex, gender-fluid, etc)
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my sexual orientation (ie. lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, demisexual, etc.)

- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective as a person of color
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my age
- The provider(s) is/are sensitive to my needs and perspective based on my disability-related needs

49. Even if you haven't participated in LGBTQ-specific social or community events in Niagara County or the surrounding areas, how important is it to you to that these events are available?

- Not important to me at all
- Not very important, but nice to have
- Important to me, but not critical
- Critically important to me
- No opinion

50. Have you heard of the following local LGBTQ+ organizations or events? Have you participated in any events hosted by these organizations or events?

- Yes, I am aware of the organization and/or event
- Yes, I am aware of the organization and have attended 1 or more of their events
- No, I am not aware of the organization or event

Organization or Event

- Niagara Pride, Inc
- Rainbow Spirit Rising
- Upstate NY Black and Latino Pride
- RSVP
- Pride Center of WNY
- Silver Pride (a group of the Pride Center of WNY)
- Buffalo Bears
- Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus
- Imperial Court of WNY
- GLYS (Growing LGBTQ+ Youth Support)
- Buffalo Historical Bowling League
- Buffalo Front Runners
- Pride Sports Buffalo
- Varsity Gay League
- G2H2
- Buffalo Gay Bingo
- Buffalo-Niagara LGBTQ+ History Project
- Out for Business: The LGBTQ+ Professionals Network (a group of Pride Center of WNY)
- WNY Shopping with Pride (a program of Niagara Pride, Inc.)

- Pride Inside

51. Are you a member of any local LGBTQ+ Facebook or social media groups?

- Yes
- No

52. Do any of the following concerns or situations keep you from participating in LGBTQ-specific social or community events? Check all that apply.

- Not knowing how or where to access this service
- The amount of time I had to wait to be helped was too long
- Not being able to afford this service
- Not having a way to get there
- The services were not available in my primary language
- Not having anyone to take care of others (like kids or elders in my care) so I could go
- The service is not accessible for people with disabilities
- Concern that the services would not be trans-friendly
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- Concern that the services would not be culturally sensitive
- Concern that the services would not be friendly to people my age
- Being afraid someone I know would find out I was using this service
- Being afraid that my parents/guardians or Child Protective Services would be notified
- Being afraid that I would be reported to immigration or other authorities
- Other responses:
 - “Events being held in bars”
 - “none”
 - “n/a”
 - “COVID restrictions”
 - “Scheduling conflicts”
 - “Time or distance from where I live”
 - “I work weird hours and days, so events are rarely scheduled when I can attend”
 - “political majority in area not being LGBTQ+ friendly”
 - “parents and family will not support it”

53. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience(s) or concerns about participating in social or community events in Niagara County?

- I often do not know what the event is until after it happened
- I plan on getting more active locally. It will be dependent on finances and energy level (Disability issues).
- More education about the supporting groups along with better communicating.

- I feel generally safe, but I also am surrounded with a close group of family and friends who support me.
- counter-protests are meant to silence the oppressed, and that happens often in our area
- I would love to be more involved in the community somehow ♥️
- I am a business owner that supports the community.
- I would love more events in Niagara County and I think they all need more outreach and/or promotion
- need more for gay seniors
- more is always better; more visibility, more access, more diverse
- More events!
- Get rid of COVID and have more "face time" with everyone!
- More awareness
- I have worked in the human service field in Niagara County for 5 years and not once have I come across an LGBTQ+ event.
- I feel I have to be very selective or go to events in other communities in order to not have repercussions at work related to my sexual orientation.
- n/a
- MOCHA center is another LGBTQ organization for POC
- None
- Ron is doing a great job with Niagara County Pride in organizing events in Niagara County and getting information out into the community. I can't think of another person who does even half as much, and we'd be lost without him.
- I feel too much of the LGBTQ scene I am aware excludes teens/children/people who don't drink due to being held in bars

We Want Your Input...

54. Are there any programs, events, or services you'd like to see in your community and/or in Niagara County that you are currently not getting?

- A barbeque in a park not near a bar. More coffee events. A general game night. A dungeons and dragons night.
- Theater, concert, or movie group outings would be fun.
- Queer Counseling, Young adult support groups, Queer peer specialist
- More events for POC population
- I think you all do a great job
- How about a retirees group?
- More events like Pride where we can get together as a community
- More support for LGBTQ+ youth
- conversion therapy as my lifestyle is not sustainable long term
- There is little to no resources or representation of asexuality that I've been able to find anywhere local.
- a Pride newsletter for Niagara County
- Legal advice, game nights

- Spiritual
- Engaging the high school/middle school more, but make it about all sexualities
- information for LGBTQ+ elders aging in place (staying in their home)
- need more programs for gay seniors
- Social events, peer supports, and more of the other services mentioned for my clients
- no
- Housing affordable rent based on income
- Mental health services, housing (mortgage) aide are current personal concerns but I am very unaware of what is really out there. I'm just on the other side of a long abusive marriage so would really like to get out into the world again, somehow 💎
- More lesbian specific programming/ways to connect
- peer services based on more specific circumstances, such as poverty, race, conviction status, etc.
- Gay Business directory to find lawyers, funeral homes, doctors and dentists that are either gay owned or allies
- More services for trans youth.
- Affordable elder transportation.
- Legal advice for seniors at low cost or free.
- Group for winter time to meet

55. Is there anything else you want nonprofit organizations, funders supporting the LGBTQ community, or community service providers in Niagara County and the surrounding areas to know?

- It's important to be openly and obviously Queer friendly
- LGBTQ+ folks outside of urban areas are possibly the most vulnerable members of our community, because they deal with an extreme lack of visibility and higher levels of anti-LGBTQ bias in their mainstream communities. Coupled by that, there are almost no services provided for rural gays. This can lead to a sense of isolation and loneliness, and can be especially harmful to LGBTQ+ youth, and seniors. Everyone expects LGBTQ+ folks in Allentown and the Elmwood Village, but people need resources beyond the city limits.
- There are many underserved LGBTQ youth of color in this area that need services and resources
- Polyamory awareness and protections please; more transgender trainings for the workforce
- Services for LGBTQ are important and needed please fund them and support in off election years
- I would be very interested to know our politicians' stances on LGBTQ+ individuals and rights.
- a safe space is outer space for all

- I stopped answering halfway through - the questions are redundant. I work at the library in Niagara Falls. - you have NO SERVICES that anyone can see. Do better.
- More support and awareness is needed
- All people deserve to be served and/or treated with dignity and compassion.
- those of us SAGE age (over 60) think younger LGBTQ+ folks don't really see us. We're often closeted for most of our life and out in the open as an older person is scary without supports
- need more programs for gay seniors
- We need more to do and ways to be safe.
- Xiaoning Zhang Agency helps everyone they can with insurances. Planning for the future is a part of that.
- no
- Publicize that you are gay friendly, supportive, or an ally
- Would love to find other LGBTQ+ people who are neuro atypical - is there anything out there like this? :) It's nice to see there are more organizations listed than I was aware of.
- More medical experts to complete gender affirming surgery.
- LGBTQ people are just trying to be equal.
- Keep concentrating on supporting youth.