

Live Webinar—Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth: The Courage+ Approach

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | 12:00-1:30 PM

When youth feel affirmed and connected, they can feel safe and thrive. This webinar provides an overview of Courage+ programming and the organization's approach to supporting LGBTQ+ youth through affirming care, housing, community connection, crisis support, and wraparound services.

Participants will learn about the unique challenges LGBTQ+ youth face in Wisconsin, particularly those involved in foster care, homelessness, or family rejection, and how Courage+ works to create safe, inclusive, and empowering environments where youth can thrive. The webinar will also introduce practical resources, referral pathways, and partnership opportunities available through Courage+. Walk away with actionable tools and affirming practices to better support LGBTQ+ youth.

About the Presenters

Alisha Hart, Associate Director of Programming. She joined Courage+ two years ago with a background in suicide prevention and adult drug treatment court coordination. Her experience in crisis intervention and systems-level collaboration helps shape programming that is both compassionate and impactful, and led to the launch of Courage's +YOU community-facing programming. With a passion for creating safe, affirming spaces for youth and communities, Alisha leads Courage+ programs with a trauma-informed and recovery-focused approach.

Brad Schlaikowski, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Courage+. In 2019, Brad and his husband opened Wisconsin's first licensed group home specifically for LGBTQ+ youth: Courage House. In 2024, the organization expanded with C2 Apartments, a transitional living program for queer young adults aging out of foster care or facing homelessness. Today, Courage+ has grown into a statewide movement rooted in advocacy, housing, empowerment, and love.



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