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THE COMMUNITY OF LGBTQ CENTERS

# IMPACT REPORT 2024

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*Celebrating 30 Years  
of Unity & Community*



# A Message From Our CEO

As we celebrate CenterLink's 30th anniversary, I am humbled by the resilience of our centers and the courage of the people they serve. What began as a handful of LGBTQ community centers 30 years ago has grown into a powerful network of 375 members, each one a beacon of hope, connection, and advocacy.

2024 was a year of both challenge and triumph. Our centers navigated unprecedented legislative attacks, harassment, and violence. Yet through it all, they stood firm, continuing to open their doors, serve their communities, and lead with courage.

This year, we also released our biennial 2024 LGBTQ Community Center Survey, the most comprehensive look at the services, reach, and impact of centers nationwide. The survey underscores why LGBTQ centers matter — they serve millions each year, provide life-saving programs, and stand resilient against growing threats.

CenterLink distributed \$1.27 million in collaborative fund grants, launched a Safety & Security initiative to protect our centers, deepened our partnership with the Yale LGBTQ Mental Health Initiative, supported expanded youth programming through YouthLink, and convened more than 200 leaders at our Leadership Summit in Chicago.

For 30 years, CenterLink has strengthened, supported, and connected LGBTQ centers. With your partnership, we step confidently into the next 30 years of unity and community.



**Denise Spivak**

CEO- CenterLink





# Who We Are

For 30 years, CenterLink has **strengthened, supported, and connected LGBTQ centers** across the U.S. and around the world. Today, our 375 member centers reach more than three million people each year, offering health care, advocacy, youth programs, and safe spaces for connection.

This milestone year also marked the release of our 30th Anniversary Mini-Documentary and Timeline, capturing the history and resilience of LGBTQ community centers.

 Watch and explore at [www.lgbtcenters.org/30](http://www.lgbtcenters.org/30)

## 2024 at a glance

- **375 LGBTQ Member Centers**
- **\$1.27M collaborative funds regranted**
- **200+ leaders trained**
- **Community Center Survey Released**
- **SAGELink launched**



[View our members \*\*here.\*\*](#)



# Program Highlights



## ActionLink

*Defending Equality, Expanding Safety*

In 2024, ActionLink tracked 533 anti-LGBTQ bills and worked side-by-side with our members and national partners to stop most from becoming law. We launched a new Safety & Security initiative, providing consults, toolkits, and micro-grants to help centers protect staff, facilities, and communities.



## HealthLink

*Advancing LGBTQ Health Equity*

With support from the Johnson Family Foundation, HealthLink has invested millions into building mental health capacity at LGBTQ centers. In partnership with the Yale LGBTQ Mental Health Initiative, we trained hundreds of providers in evidence-based, affirming care, while launching new Policy to Action calls to guide centers through health policy shifts.



## YouthLink

*Supporting & Empowering Youth Programs*

YouthLink reached tens of thousands of young people through Q Chat Space and imi. We strengthened youth-serving centers, expanded Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings, and provided grants and peer learning to boost health and wellness programming.



## Leadership Institute

*Building the Next Generation of Leaders*

The Leadership Institute trained 200+ leaders through our programs for board leadership and organizational development, including three special sessions focused on pre-election contingency planning and post-election strategy. Our 18th Annual Leadership Summit in Chicago brought together 275 attendees for 30+ sessions, and honored David Bohnett and Judy Troilo of The LOFT with our annual awards.



## SAGELink

*Advocacy and Care for LGBTQ Older Adults*

Launched in 2024 with SAGE, SAGELink is dedicated to supporting LGBTQ older adults by building resources, leadership, and advocacy across the lifespan – ensuring elders are connected, valued, and cared for.



# 2024 Community Center Survey Snapshot

The 2024 LGBTQ Community Center Survey confirmed both the extraordinary reach — and the urgent needs — of our centers:

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## 3M+ people served annually

Centers serve **3M+ people annually**, with **nearly 58,700 weekly visitors** across the country.

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## Serving Diverse Communities

**36%** of centers primarily serve **LGBTQ people of color**, **29%** focus on **transgender people**, and **20%** serve **rural communities**.

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## Meeting Basic Needs

**97%** of centers provide community/social programs, and **86%** offer **basic needs** like food, clothing, and housing support.

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## Advancing Health & Wellness

**66%** of centers deliver direct health and wellness services, while **55%** provide **critical mental health care**.

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## Facing Escalating Threats

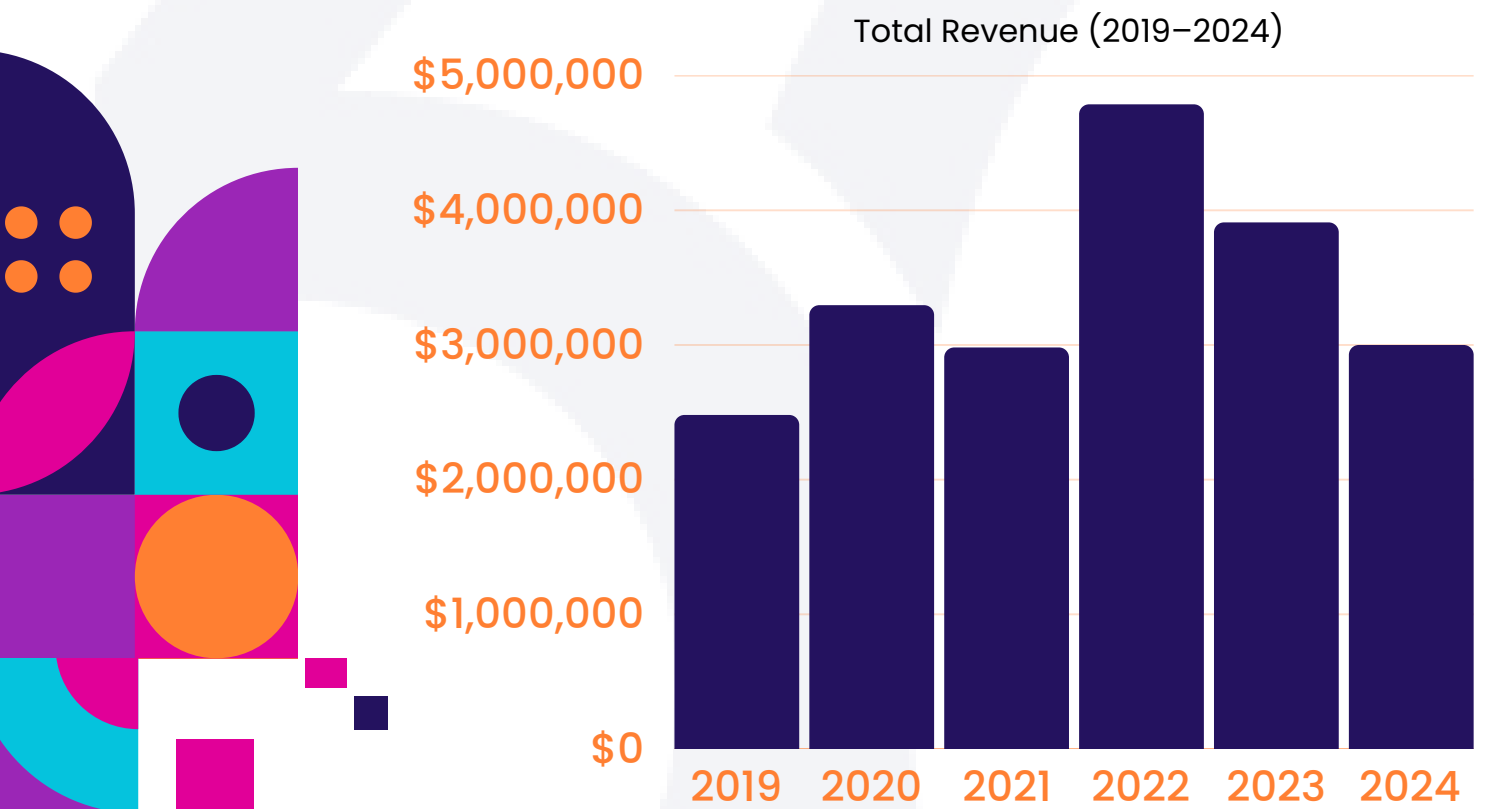
**73%** of centers experienced anti-LGBTQ threats or harassment — often targeting **trans programs, drag events, and youth services**.

[View full report here.](#)



# Our Financial Impact

In 2024, CenterLink continued to grow its financial strength and capacity to invest directly in LGBTQ centers.



In 2024, expenses outpaced revenue as growth and urgent needs increased while shifting rhetoric made funding harder to sustain. Thanks to multi-year commitments and reserves, we delivered every program and honored every grant. Continued support will help us adapt and ensure long-term stability.



## Regranting

\$1.27M regranted directly to LGBTQ centers



## Revenue

Total Revenue: \$2.9M



## Expenses

Total Expenses: \$4.49M

[View our financials here.](#)




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# Thank You!

What began as a small group in 1994 has evolved into a thriving network of 375 centers serving over three million people annually. Celebrate CenterLink's history and watch our **30th Anniversary Mini-Documentary** at [lgbtcenters.org/30](https://lgbtcenters.org/30).

CenterLink is grateful to our funders, partners, and member centers whose support **keeps us moving forward**. You make it possible for LGBTQ community centers to grow stronger, healthier, and more resilient each year.

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