

# SERVING EVERYONE WITH DIGNITY

Ensuring safe, affirming care for ALL participants

At Valley Oasis, we believe everyone deserves access to compassionate, trauma-informed services. This factsheet illustrates both the need and our commitment to serving LGBTQ+ community members with respect and equity.

## WHY LGBTQ+ INCLUSION MATTERS

### Higher Risk, Greater Need

Studies show LGBTQ+ individuals experience higher rates of homelessness, domestic violence, and mental health crises.

Discrimination and stigma often prevent survivors from seeking help.

### Community Impact

When any group is marginalized, overall community well-being declines

### Alignment with Our Values

Inclusivity is one of our core values - serving everyone without exception drives better outcomes, stronger partnerships, and a healthier region.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### Volunteer or Donate

General donations help cover relocation expenses for our LGBTQ+ individuals and families escaping violence.

### Partner or Refer

If you know an LGBTQ+ organization or faith group interested in collaboration, please contact Elvia Aldaco Salazar, MPA., CAPP at [esalazar@avdvc.org](mailto:esalazar@avdvc.org).

### Learn More

Visit our website to learn more about the impact we have in the AV.



Up to **40%** of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+.



**1 in 2** transgender individuals has experienced sexual violence at some point in their life.



In rural and suburban areas (like parts of the Antelope Valley), LGBTQ+ services are limited, increasing the need for inclusive general providers.

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