For over 25 years, Side by Side (formerly ROSMY) has been dedicated to working with and for LGBTQ+ youth. Though we started in Richmond, our Charlottesville group has been consistently serving youth since 2008. Regardless of our location, Side by Side works to ensure Virginia’s LGBTQ+ youth are safe in all respects, affirmed in who they are, and are provided opportunities to flourish.

Through a variety of programs, Side by Side works with LGBTQ+ youth, and their parents and families, as well as with schools, medical professionals, law enforcement, and a variety of other organizations to ensure LGBTQ+ youth have the resources and support they need.

Our Impact
Our programs offer resources to help LGBTQ+ youth not only survive, but thrive.

Youth who participate in Side by Side’s programs report increased feelings of self-worth and in healthy peer relationships.

99% of Side by Side youth feel that volunteers and staff care about them.

Side by Side youth report higher rates of civic engagement beyond Side by Side’s programming and higher rates of helping their peers through mentorship.

Trainings conducted throughout the community have increased cultural capacity for professionals working with LGBTQ+ youth. This ensures that youth who are not able to access services at Side by Side’s youth center are still offered support by adults who recognize the particular needs and gifts of LGBTQ+ youth.

Main Office
Side by Side Youth Center
2311 Westwood Ave
Richmond, VA 23230
804-644-4800
sidebysideva.org
Youth Support Hotline: 888-644-4390
"I came here at a point in my life in which I was incredibly insecure and lonely about my identity, and it was this place that enabled me to become proud and accepting of myself as part of the LGBTQ+ community."

-Side by Side youth

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**LGBTQ+ Youth Support Group**

(ages 14-20)

Our weekly support group offers youth a curriculum-based program that helps youth build strategies for healthy growth and social development. Whether discussing being “out” in school, healthy relationships, communication skills, or drugs and alcohol, our support group gives youth the opportunity to socialize with other LGBTQ+ youth in conversations facilitated by trained staff and volunteers.

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
UVA Teen and Young Adult Center
1204 West Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903

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**Youth Support Line**

(888) 644-4390

LGBTQ+ youth and those who care about them can call the 24/7 Youth Support Line and ask a trained operator for support, information, and referrals.

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**Training**

Side by Side offers training, speakers, and resources to help human service providers and school personnel across Virginia work effectively with LGBTQ+ youth.

Side by Side’s trainings deliver information about adolescent sexual and gender identity development.

Through the training we provide adults with the tools to help LGBTQ+ youth recognize their inherent value, guide them toward healthy self-awareness, and steer them away from risks often faced by LGBTQ+ youth.

**Contact Charles Dyson at 804-644-4800 for more details and pricing.**