

Background

Centerlink began over 20 years ago as an informal gathering of leaders from LGBT community centers attending the National Gay & Lesbian Health Association annual conference. Over the years, Centerlink, formerly known as the National Association of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Centers, continued to provide a yearly forum bringing together community centers from around the country.

Centerlink services now assist newly forming community centers and help strengthen existing LGBT centers, including networking opportunities for community center leaders, peer-based technical assistance and training, and a variety of capacity building activities.

Based in Washington, D.C., Centerlink works with other national organizations to advance the rights of LGBT individuals and to provide LGBT community centers with information and analysis of key issues and political developments.

Our efforts are based on the belief that LGBT community centers are primary change agents in a national movement working toward the liberation and empowerment of LGBT people.

Our goal is to develop and harness the power of more than 160 LGBT community centers in small towns and big cities throughout the United States. These centers are the heart and soul of the LGBT movement in America and are vital to our current well-being and dreams for the future.

Mission

Centerlink exists to support the development of strong, sustainable **LGBT** community centers and to build a unified center movement.

Programs

Capacity Building

Capacity building programs help community centers improve governance, leadership, mission and strategy, administration, program development and implementation, fundraising and income generation, and advocacy and policy change.

Community Center Action Network

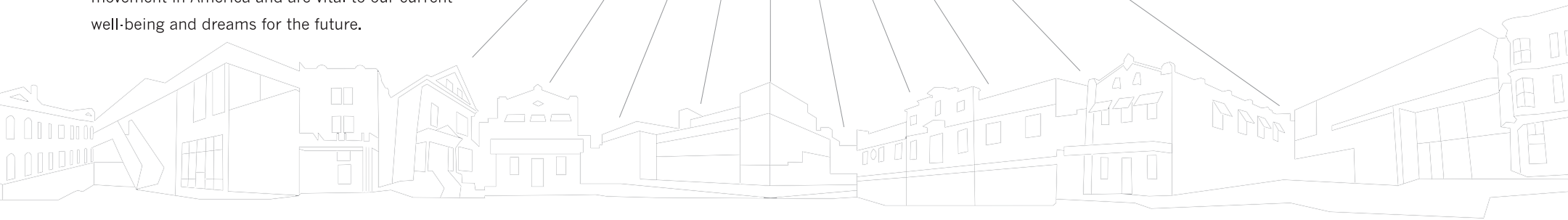
In an effort to promote and increase civic engagement in our community, the Community Center Action Network (CCAN) of Centerlink was created as a national-to-local nonpartisan grassroots voter registration, education, and mobilization project. This program seeks to enhance the advocacy and organizing capacity of LGBT community centers by creating a visible, vocal and voting constituency at the local, state and national levels.

Center Resource Manual

We provide a resource manual for groups planning to open a community center or expand existing programs and services. The manual is a compendium of sample forms, "how to" articles, and training materials. It also contains samples of articles of incorporation, by-laws, job descriptions, policies and procedures, and directions on how to apply to the IRS for tax-exempt status.



CENTERLINK
THE COMMUNITY OF LGBT CENTERS



BECOME A MEMBER OF CENTERLINK TODAY AND ENJOY THESE BENEFITS...

For Community Centers and Organizations (including LGBT Centers, Youth Centers, Senior Centers, Start-Up Groups, Social Service Agencies, Pride Groups, College / University Centers and more):

- ❖ Eligibility for exclusive grants and funding with applicants restricted to CenterLink members
- ❖ Access to free or low-cost technical assistance from CenterLink staff and board experts
- ❖ Access to “Center-in-a-Box” resources, including manuals, policies, job descriptions, and more
- ❖ Eligibility for CenterLink exclusive discounts on national consultants
- ❖ Exclusive fundraising partnership opportunities (such as concert promotions, which have provided select members with concert tickets, celebrity meetings, and concert tabling)
- ❖ Free participation and promotional materials for the annual LGBT Community Center Awareness Day (September 15th)
- ❖ Members-only pricing and discounts on annual Leadership Summit
- ❖ Eligibility for scholarships to LGBT conferences and events (including the Summit, Creating Change – Community Center Institute, and more)
- ❖ Access to group discounts on high-end software, publications, and other memberships for non-profits
- ❖ Monthly members-only email newsletter featuring resources, conference, and grant announcements
- ❖ **New for 2010:** Discounted registration rates for the monthly CenterLink webinar training series
- ❖ **New for 2010:** Members only profile in the online directory featuring detailed program information, photos of your Center, logos, links to donate, and more!

For Individuals (including activists, donors, supporters, partners, board members, allies, and more):

- ❖ Monthly members-only email newsletter featuring exclusive event announcements, resources, and news features
- ❖ “First-in-line” early access privileges to CenterLink online auctions, featuring celebrity memorabilia, travel packages, event tickets, and more
- ❖ Exclusive entry into CenterLink national giveaways and contests
- ❖ VIP advance notice of CenterLink and CenterLink partner events, online auctions, contest, and more

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS ARE BEING ADDED REGULARLY

JOIN NOW!

VISIT WWW.LGBTCENTERS.ORG OR CONTACT:

GUIDO SANCHEZ, NATIONAL MANAGER OF MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

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Membership Registration

Renewal Date:	
Organization:	
Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Contact (Name/Title):	
Phone:	
Fax:	
E-mail:	

Budget	Dues
<\$150,000	\$ 50
\$150,000<\$250,000	\$ 150
\$250,000<\$500,000	\$ 250
\$500,000<\$1,000,000	\$ 500
\$1,000,000<\$3,000,000	\$ 1,000
\$3,000,000<\$5,000,000	\$ 2,500
\$5,000,000<\$10,000,000	\$ 5,000
>10,000,000	\$ 7,500

Members renewing before their deadline may elect to apply a 10% renewal discount if postmarked before their deadline.

___ Check here if you elect to take the optional 10% renewal discount (eligibility will be verified).

Payment type: Credit Card Check Enclosed (Make payable to CenterLink) Online (PayPal)

Credit card type (MC, Visa, AE): _____ Credit card number: _____
Security Code: _____

Expiration date: ___ / ___ Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Billing Address of Card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dues may also be paid online at: www.lgbtcenters.org
(If paying online, make sure that your Center Name is recorded and that this form is sent to CenterLink indicating an Online Payment.)

Please return this form (and check, if applicable) to:

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Center Directory Information

Please provide the following contact and programming information listed below for your organization. If an item does not apply to your organization, please answer with N/A.

Information in Section I will be available on our web site in the Directory of Community Centers at <http://directory.lgbtcenters.org/>. Information in Section II, Board Leadership Information, and Executive Officer email address will *not be available* in the Directory. It will enable us to provide you with information and services customized to the particular needs of your organization.

SECTION I (this information will be available in our Directory):

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Full name of the organization:

Physical Address

Street:

City: State/ Province: Postal Code:

Mailing address Same as above

Street:

City: State/ Province: Postal Code:

Main Phone: Extension:

Fax:

Website -http://

PUBLIC CONTACT

First Name:

Last Name:

Email address:

General Information Email Address: **EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DIRECTOR**

If your organization does not have an Executive Director position, please provide us with the name and title of the senior staff leader (if any). Executive Officer email addresses and Board Leadership information will not be made public.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Email address:

CO-EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DIRECTOR

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Email address:



BOARD LEADERSHIP (please list no more than 2)

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Email address:

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Email address:

PROGRAMS/SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

MISC.

Year Founded:

Annual Budget: \$

Number of Clients Served Annually:

ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS (if applicable)

Community Switchboard:

Hotline:

Help line:

TTY:

SECTION II (this information will not be made available in our Directory):

A. Site

Do you have a physical location? Yes No
If so, do you rent or own your space? Own Rent

B. Staffing

Number of Full-time Staff: _____ Number of Part-time Staff: _____

C. Membership

Number of Members (approximate): _____

D. Newsletter

Do you publish a newsletter? Yes No

If "Yes", how frequently?

Name of newsletter: _____

E. Information Technology

of computers onsite: _____

Do you have a local area network? Yes No

How do you connect to the Internet? Dial-UP/56K DSL T1

Do you have internal email? Yes No

Do you have an onsite IT person? Yes No

Thinking of starting an LGBT Community Center or want to revisit the business fundamentals?



CenterLink can help you evaluate the feasibility for starting a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center, laying the foundation for creating an LGBT Community Center, or get back to the basics if you are an existing Center of any age or size. With invaluable resources, including the "LGBT Community Center Business Plan Workbook," CenterLink can be the experts you need to help guide you to creating a sustainable, healthy LGBT Community Center in your community.

CenterLink's exclusive Business Plan Workbook for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Centers is the resource you need, featuring:

- conceptualizing your Center
- organization, governance, and regs
- marketing, competition, and strategies
- over a dozen tools, templates, and worksheets for you to work with!
- industry information and trends
- management and HR
- financial management and plans

For Members:

E-Book (Free)

Printed (\$19.95)

For Non-Members:

E-Book (\$14.95)

Printed (\$29.95)

CenterLink Membership includes many additional benefits, visit lgbtcenters.org now to join!

Any Questions?

Give CenterLink a call—we can also provide some free start-up resources and technical assistance, so call 202.824.0450



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