

If you are a survivor of sexual violence, know that it is not your fault and that you are not alone. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual survivors often face victim-blaming, discrimination, invalidation, and isolation during the reporting and healing process. We are here to support, affirm, and empower you every step of the way.

Pride United is for LGBTQIA+ community members of all ages, abilities, cultures, races, faiths, and backgrounds who have experienced sexual assault. Non-offending loved ones, family members, and friends of LGBTQIA+ survivors can also receive services to better understand what the survivor is going through and how to be an effective support person and aspiring ally.



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- 24-hour support and resource line:  
**818-886-0453**  
**661-253-0258**

- To connect with a Pride United Advocate or Counselor, please call Strength United's 24-hour hotline. Let the Sexual Assault Advocate know that you would like to be connected to Pride United. The Sexual Assault Advocate will collect some initial information and confidentially address any immediate concerns, and an Advocate or Counselor from Pride United will contact you as soon as possible.

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# Services for LGBTQIA+ Survivors of Sexual Violence



## Healing. Thriving. Surviving.

LGBTQIA+ community members experience sexual violence at rates far higher than other groups, yet there is a lack of sensitive and affirming LGBTQIA+ survivor support services in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys.

With locations in Northridge, Van Nuys, and Newhall, Pride United bridges this gap through comprehensive LGBTQIA+ affirming survivor support services including peer support, advocacy, criminal justice assistance, and counseling provided by expert staff.

Through extensive training and ongoing educational opportunities, our staff members are equipped with the tools, language, and understanding to validate your experiences as well as your identities. Whether an incident happened yesterday or years ago, Pride United provides a safe space for LGBTQIA+ survivors to transform a traumatic event into an opportunity for growth and healing.



Ending Abuse,  
Empowering Families, and  
Developing Leaders

## Someone To Talk To

Strength United's 24-hour hotline runs 365 days a year and is staffed by Sexual Assault Advocates who are trained in the unique needs and experiences of LGBTQIA+ sexual violence survivors. In fact, we actively seek and recruit members of the LGBTQIA+ community for our advocacy position to ensure that advocates can understand, affirm, and connect with clients.

Survivors of sexual violence and their support persons are welcome to call Strength United's hotline any time, day or night, to get information or talk to someone who understands. Calling the hotline is also the first step in connecting to the other services offered through Pride United.

## Counseling Services

Strength United is known for its therapeutic services, including individual, couple, family, and group counseling. Pride United can connect sexual violence survivors from the LGBTQIA+ community with counselors who are sensitive, affirming, and understanding of the needs and issues facing the LGBTQIA+ community. Feel free to ask about our various counseling services; and if we do not provide a program that you are seeking, we will gladly provide referrals.

## Connections to Meaningful Resources

Pride United is committed to helping survivors meet all their needs. Pride United's advocates can provide meaningful referrals to other resources in the community. Whenever possible, those resources reflect other LGBTQIA+ sensitive and affirming providers.

## Criminal Justice Support

The criminal justice process, including the initial investigation, court processes, and accessing victim benefits, can at first seem complex and overwhelming. Not all survivors choose to engage the criminal justice system, but for those who do, Pride United offers an Advocate who can provide information, support, and advocacy to LGBTQIA+ sexual assault survivors throughout the entire process.



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