Safe Zone

About Safe Zone

Basic Safe Zone

Safe Zone is a program designed to create a network of visible allies to people who identify as part of the diverse LGBTIQA+ community. The four hour educational session provides information and resources related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. The basic sessions are for those individuals who have never completed Safe Zone training. Gender/Identity Expression sessions are provide the next level of training.

Over 2018-2019 academic year, more than 800 of your peers became Safe Zone Allies through seven of our regularly scheduled trainings, and even more through department-sponsored trainings!

Safe Zone Gender Identity & Gender Expression

The purpose of Safe Zone Gender Identity & Gender Expression is to make the University community a safer and more supportive place for all UNC-CH students, faculty, and staff members by creating a network of allies who have basic knowledge about transgender and intersex communities. Basic Safe Zone training is a prerequisite for this training.

Safe Zone Facilitator Training

Interested in learning to facilitate Safe Zone Trainings? Our Safe Zone program would not be possible without volunteers. The demand for Safe Zone keeps increasing and we need more facilitators to keep the program growing. If you have already been Safe Zone and Safe Zone GI/GE trained, and you would like to be part of creating a more welcoming, inclusive campus climate, becoming a Safe Zone Facilitator is the next step!

- Basic Safe Zone training is a prerequisite for this training.
- Safe Zone Gender Identity/Gender Expression training is a prerequisite for this training.

Requesting Safe Zone Trainings
**On-Campus or Carolina-Affiliated**

If you are interested in having a Safe Zone training for your department, organization or group please contact us at least two months in advance to request a training. We ask that hosting departments and groups commit to the following:

- Guarantee at least 25 participants. (People usually invite nearby offices or groups with similar purposes, if necessary.)
- Handle publicity, registration, and participant reminders.
- Attend a planning meeting with LGBTQ Center staff before scheduling the training. Meeting should run no longer than 30 minutes and can be in-person or via phone.
- Reserve space and notify Center staff of the location and room amenities, such as computer, projector, speakers, etc as early as possible.

Contact [April Callis, Ph.D.](mailto:learnmore) [1] to learn more, or to schedule a Safe Zone training.

**Outside Trainings**

We offer trainings to non UNC affiliated organizations. There is a fee of $1000 for organizations not affiliated with UNC, plus travel expenses for locations over 30 miles from UNC-CH.

[Contact Us](mailto:learnmore) [2] or [Request a Training](mailto:learnmore) [3] to learn more.