

Canadian Resources for Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ Children and Youth in Saskatchewan

Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ children and youth is crucial for their well-being, resilience, and mental health. Below is a curated list of Saskatchewan and Canadian-specific resources for parents and caregivers, including what each organization offers and their contact information.

Saskatchewan-Based Resources

Family Service Regina

• What They Offer:

 Free counselling specializing in the exploration of relationship to self, sexuality, and gender, as well as addressing depression, anxiety, relationships and low self-esteem

Contact:

o Website: www.familyserviceregina.com/2slgbtqia

OUTSaskatoon

• What They Offer:

- o Free short-term counselling for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and their families
- o Peer support and navigation
- o Pride Home (long-term housing for 2SLGBTQ+ youth ages 16-21)
- o Workshops, education, and a queer-affirming sexual health clinic

Contact:

- o Website: www.outsaskatoon.ca
- o Peer Support Line: (306) 665-1224 | Toll-free (833)-662-7233
- Email: hello@outsaskatoon.ca (general)
- Email: <u>Support@outsaskatoon.ca</u> (for more information or to receive peer support by email)

TransSask Support Services

• What They Offer:

- o Peer support, advocacy, and public education
- o Support and act as a resource network for trans-identified, genderqueer, intersex and gender non-conforming individuals, their spouses, family, friends, and allies



- o Trans Health Navigators for accessing gender-affirming healthcare
- o Saskatchewan Medical Transition Guide
- o Youth-specific programming

Contact:

o Website: www.transsask.ca

Email (General): infor@transsask.ca

o Mailing Address: PO Box 3911, Regina, SK S4P 3R8

fYrefly Saskatchewan

What They Offer:

- o Annual leadership and wellness camp for 2SLGBTQ+ youth ages 14-24
- o School-based educational programming
- o Community-building and resilience workshops

Contact:

- o Website: www.ualberta.ca/en/camp-fyrefly | Camp fyrefly Saskatchewan
- o Email: campfyre@ualberta.ca

PFLAG Canada (Saskatchewan Chapters)

• What They Offer:

- o Peer support, education, and advocacy for families and allies of 2SLGBTQ+ people
- o Local support groups and online resources for parents and caregivers

Contact:

- o Regina Chapter: reginask@pflagcanada.ca | Phone: 306-533-3965
- Saskatoon Chapter: <u>saskatoonsk@phlagcanada.ca</u> | Email: <u>saskatoonsk@pflagcanada.ca</u>
- o National: www.pflagcanada.ca | Email: support@pflagcanada.ca |

National Resources

Kids Help Phone

• What They Offer:

- 24/7 mental health support for youth, including 2SLGBTQ+ specific resources
- o Phone, text, and online chat support
- o Information on gender identity, sexual orientation, coming out, and resilience

Contact:

Website: <u>kidshelpphone.ca</u>Phone: 1-800-668-6868



o Text: CONNECT to 686868 (youth) or 741741 (adults)



Summary Table of Key Resources

Resource	What They Offer	Contact Information
OUTSaskatoon	Counselling, peer support, housing, education	outsaskatoon.ca, Phone: 306-665-1224, Email: <u>hello@outsaskatoon.ca</u>
TransSask	Peer support, health navigation, youth programs	<u>transsask.ca</u> , Email : <u>info@TransSask.org</u>
fYrefly Saskatchewan	Youth leadership/wellness camp, school programs, resilience workshops	www.ualberta.ca/en/camp-fyrefly, Camp fYrefly-Sask, Email: fyrefly@ualberta.ca
PFLAG Canada	Parent/caregiver support, advocacy, local groups	pflagcanada.ca, Email: reginask@pflagcanada.ca, Phone: 306- 533-3965
Kids Help Phone	24/7 crisis support, resources for youth and parents	<u>kidshelpphone.ca</u> , Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Tips for Parents and Caregivers

- **Reach out:** Don't hesitate to contact these organizations for support, guidance, or just a listening ear.
- **Educate yourself:** Utilize the available resources and workshops to gain a deeper understanding of your child's experience.
- **Build community:** Connect with other parents and caregivers to share experiences and strategies for supporting 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

Supporting queer children and youth is a journey best taken together, with community and professional guidance at your side.