

Outreach Report
Mansfield Pride 2026
June 27, 2026 from 8:00am-4:00pm

Division:
Sexual Health

Participating Staff:
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Anticipated Outcome:

To celebrate 11 years of Mansfield Pride while promoting the Galion City Health Department's Sexual Health Clinic, networking with attendees as well as other participants and sponsors and to continue to be a visible support system for the LGBTQA+ community in both Richland County and North Central Ohio.

Description of Event:

The Galion City Health Department's Sexual Health Clinic not only sponsored Mansfield Pride 2026, but we also had our own booth this year. We brought a large quantity of swag this year that included "Safe Sex Kits" consisting of condoms, lube, personal wipes, mints, and educational material, buttons, sunglasses, cinch bags, coasters, tattoos, plastic bags, condoms, reusable water bottles and educational handouts. The event kicked off with a parade down Park Avenue and into South Park followed with a festival consisting of a variety of resource booths, vendors, food trucks, entertainment and a kids' zone with face painting, bounce houses and crafts.

Location:

South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave, Mansfield, OH 44903

Audience:

Free to anyone in the community

of Community Members Impacted:

Mansfield Pride 2026 drew an estimated crowd of more than 1,000 people with a large number of those visitors stopping by our booth.

Outcomes of Event:

We were able to converse with a large number of Pride attendees, educating them on our services and what the Galion City Health Department's Sexual Health Clinic can provide for them. There were numerous people that thanked us for being a supportive resource in the community and were very excited to not only see us in the parade but to also see us participating in the day's events. Inclusive medical care is a huge and extremely important topic with this demographic.

In what ways can outreach be improved?

This is a staple event for us and a must attend every year. We have already discussed preparation plans for next year that will continue to include unique items to distribute to attendees. We would like to recruit either more co-workers or our own family and friends to help us both in the parade and in our booth, if possible, for next year, as it would be beneficial to have people walking beside our car in the parade to pass out items to parade attendees or do something eye catching such as blowing bubbles or playing music. Anything we can do to draw people in and have conversations pertaining to sexual health would be beneficial as it is clear that many come for the free stuff, but it's the educational opportunities and more visibility that we want to capitalize on with future Pride events.