



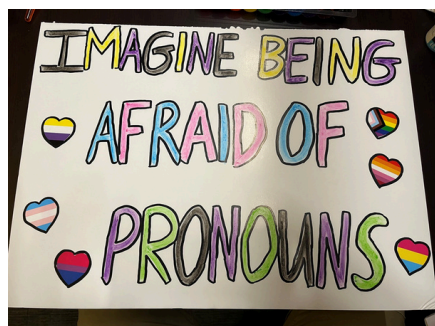
Youth Health Pulse is your source for all things Planned Parenthood Toronto, reproductive justice, queer liberation, and youth advocacy.

June invites us to hold multiple intersecting truths at once as we recognize both National Indigenous History Month and Pride. At Planned Parenthood Toronto, this overlap calls us to reflect on how reproductive justice is so deeply connected to histories of colonization, resistance, and community care. Indigenous, Black and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities have long advocated for bodily autonomy, culturally safe healthcare, and the right to raise future generations in communities where they can thrive. This week also marks 4 years since the fall of Roe in the United States, ending 50 years of constitutionally-protected rights to access to abortion in that country, the impact of which is chilling and profound to every one of our human rights.

At Planned Parenthood Toronto, honouring these intersections means recognizing the leadership of Indigenous, Black, and queer people of colour today and throughout past generations who have long fought for futures where everyone has the support, dignity, and freedom to make decisions about their bodies, identity, and lives. Our fights and victories are intertwined – and so are we.

Planned Parenthood Toronto Prepares to March at the Trans March

On June 17, PPT gathered for an afternoon of sign-making, games, and snacks to celebrate Pride month. Staff were invited to harness their creativity and show their solidarity for trans youth by crafting signs for PPT's contingent at the Trans March on Friday, June 26 as part of Toronto's annual Pride weekend. We hope to see you there!



Support Indigenous Leaders in Reproductive Justice

June 21 was National Indigenous Peoples' Day. Head over to our Instagram account to learn why Indigenous rights are inseparable from, and central to, Reproductive Justice. We take a moment to reflect on the ongoing struggle and broken promises to address the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada, and we highlight the work of Indigenous leaders in creating culturally safe, community-based reproductive healthcare, including the Call Auntie Clinic. Indigenous sovereignty in birthing practices, parenting and community governance is central to Reproductive Justice.

Learn more about the Indigenous-led initiatives working to build a more just and equitable future.

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Pride is Powered By Community

Local grassroots organizations in Tkaronto/Toronto are doing meaningful, life-giving, and life-affirming work to support 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. From mutual aid and youth programming to arts and healthcare, their work reminds us that Pride is something we practice all year-round, even if this week, many of us pause to celebrate extra loudly! Local queer, trans and feminist communities have built this city to be the special place that it is. Click below to learn more, support their work, and share their resources.

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Join Our Non-Binary BIPOC Drop-In (aka NBD!)

We are excited to announce the re-launch of PPT's Non-Binary BIPOC Drop-In (NBD). This weekly drop-in program is for youth between 13-19 years old who are both non-binary, queer, trans, or questioning, as well as Black, Indigenous, and/or a person of colour. It is a space for non-binary BIPOC teens to build community and engage with one another through various communal activities including arts-based learning and expression alongside identity exploration.

Each week participants can expect a different activity from workshops and field trips to discussion groups and shared meals.

- June 25 | 12:30–8:00pm | TRANScend Conference & Kiki Ball
- June 30 | 6:00–8:00pm | Indigenous Queer Bead Crafting Workshop
- July 9 | 6:00–8:30pm | DND: Who Do You Want To Be? Pt. 1
- July 16 | 6:00–8:30pm | DND: Who Do You Want To Be? Pt. 2
- July 23 | 1:00–4:00pm | Art Gallery Day
- July 30 | 6:00–8:00pm | Capitalism and Identity

RSVP for upcoming activities for the remainder of June and the full month of July. The full slate of programming can be found [here](#).

HIV Testing Day

June 27 is HIV Testing Day! First established in the U.S. in 1995—ten years after the first HIV test became available—it’s an annual reminder of the importance of regular testing, reducing stigma, and expanding access to prevention and care. Getting tested is simple, confidential, and an important step you can take for your health and your communities’ health. At Planned Parenthood Toronto, we offer anonymous youth-friendly, non-judgmental point of care HIV testing alongside information and support. No OHIP or other health insurance? No problem – PPT will be happy to provide you an HIV test if you are under 30. And there are lots of places in the city that you can get tested! To learn more about HIV, testing options, and what to expect, [check out this post](#) where we break it down step by step.

New Roles at PPT

Thanks to our expanding Primary Care services and our growing Black Health Team, PPT is hiring! Look out for open job postings over the next few months.

Current Job Openings:

Nurse Practitioner (Parental Leave).

Manager of Health Services (Full Time, Permanent) Black Health Team &
Allied Health Professionals

Therapist (Part Time, Permanent), Black Health Team

Thanks so much for reading, and as always for your support of Planned Parenthood Toronto!

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