

# South Carolina United for Justice & Equality



## OVERVIEW

South Carolina is home to a vibrant network of organizations serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ), spanning from the Lowcountry to the Upstate. In 2020, more than 20 of these organizations – many led by transgender people and people of color, and serving LGBTQ youth – formed a statewide coalition to defeat anti-transgender legislation and to build political power across the state.

These locally-led organizations are frontline responders to both the needs and dreams of their community. Many members provide food pantries and are a first call in times of crisis. Others have led powerful organizing events. All have adapted in unique ways to meet the shifting, urgent needs of South Carolinians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## PURPOSE

The SC United for Justice and Equality coalition envisions a South Carolina where everyone can thrive, with a particular emphasis on the lived and legal equality of LGBTQ people. The coalition advocates for the passage of legislation to protect the lives and interests of LGBTQ community members and opposes anti-LGBTQ legislation. The coalition also works on intersecting issues of social justice, including racial justice, reproductive justice, voting rights, and health care access.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

In the 2021 legislative session, priorities for the coalition include:

**Opposing and defeating anti-transgender legislation**, including H3477 (which would exclude transgender student athletes from participating in public school sports) and a bill that would prohibit doctors from providing medically needed care to transgender young people.

**Opposing and defeating anti-abortion legislation** – S. 1 would ban most abortions in the state by prohibiting abortion after six weeks, sooner than many people even learn that they are pregnant.

**Advocating for passage of LGBTQ-inclusive nondiscrimination protections**, which are supported by a majority of South Carolinians.

**Supporting robust COVID-19 relief packages** and speaking out about the unique impacts of the pandemic on LGBTQ South Carolinians.

## COALITION MEMBERS

American Civil Liberties Union of SC  
Alliance for Full Acceptance  
Campaign for Southern Equality  
Center for Social Equity  
Charleston Area Transgender Support  
Charleston Black Pride  
Charleston Pride  
Charleston Social Club  
Gender Benders  
Grand Strand Pride  
Greenville Sisters  
The Abbey of the Grand Palmetto  
Harriet Hancock LGBT Center  
Human Rights Campaign  
Lowcountry Pride  
PFLAG Aiken  
PFLAG Columbia  
PFLAG Greenville  
PFLAG Spartanburg  
Pride Link  
Rainbow Support Group SC  
SC Black Pride  
SC Pride  
South Carolina Equality  
Tri-County Gender Benders  
Takeover Charleston  
Transgender Awareness Alliance  
Transgender Community of the Lowcountry  
T-Time Myrtle Beach  
Tri-County Gender Benders  
UpLift Outreach Center  
Upstate Pride SC  
We Are Family  
Women's Rights and Empowerment Network (WREN)



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