



THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG



At Community Action Pioneer Valley, we are committed to listening, learning, and advocating for equitable services for all. We are grateful to be part of a community that stands united in its commitment to continue working for equity for all.

The Progress Pride flag was developed in 2018 by non-binary American artist and designer Daniel Quasar (who uses xe/xyr pronouns). **Based on the iconic rainbow flag from 1978, designed by Gilbert Baker, the redesign celebrates the diversity of the LGBTQ community and calls for a more inclusive society.** Baker's original flag inspired the creation of other flags, today; there are now more inclusive versions that specifically recognize the trans, intersex, and POC's in our diverse community.

The six-stripe rainbow flag we are used to seeing is meant to represent the entire LGBTQ community, including transgender and nonbinary people, people of color and intersex people. **The addition of the chevron design is merely intended to highlight the unique experiences of these sub-groups.**

What does the triangle on the progress pride flag mean?

- **The triangle on the flag's left side** was added more recently by nonbinary artist Daniel Quasar.
- **This chevron design looks like an arrow** pointing to the right, symbolizing forward progress.
- **The colored stripes in this design have different meanings.** The light blue, light pink and white section represents transgender and nonbinary people. These colors reference the transgender pride flag created by U.S. Navy veteran Monica Helms. The brown and black stripes represent marginalized communities of color. These colors reference the Philadelphia pride flag introduced by Amber Hikes. The black stripe also represents those who have been lost to AIDS and those living with the condition today. This meaning references the Victory Over AIDS flag created by Sgt. Leonard Matlovitch.
- **The circle represents intersex:** Instead the circle is unbroken and unornamented, symbolising wholeness and completeness, and our potentialities.

Decades after these flags were developed, we recognize that individuals in these communities still experience discrimination, don't always receive the services they are entitled to, and are impacted in our communities every day. Displaying these flags is one step that Community Action Pioneer Valley is taking to reinforce that we still have work to do before we can say we are truly equitable and inclusive.