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IUP Safe Zone and LGBTQIA+ Collection at
Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

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Historical Note

The purpose of the Safe Zone program is to improve visibility and support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and employees. The Safe Zone program provides easily recognizable individuals who are available to provide these resources. The Safe Zone symbol is a message to LGBTQIA+ students and colleagues that an employee has participated in the Safe Zone training and is committed to increasing their knowledge of and sensitivity to LGBTQIA+ issues. The symbol allows the campus community to identify program members and know that they can speak freely with these individuals about issues, including sexual orientation and gender identity, which may affect their academic success or job satisfaction.

Scope and Content

The IUP Safe Zone and LGBTQIA+ collection includes documentation, reports, and information about the IUP Safe Zone Program and allied organizations and commissions at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in Indiana, Pennsylvania. The creation of this collection is a direct result of the IUP Social Justice Project (Record Group 148) and the consolidation of the Safe Zone Program with other student organizations (Record Group 48). For more information about the LGBTQIA+ community in Indiana, Pennsylvania, see Manuscript Group 237 Indiana Cares Campaign (ICC) to End Homophobia. For more information, visit the [Safe Zone Program at IUP](#) website. For more information about diversity, equity, and inclusion at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, visit the [Social Equity and Title IX Office at IUP](#)

I support LGBTQIA members
(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex and Allies)
of the IUP community



Provenance

This collection was created after the donation of IUP Safe Zone Program materials by Dr. Zachary Stiegler in the IUP Department of Communications Media, College of Education and Communications.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on November 6, 2023.

Container List

Box 1 (18 folders)

1. Safe Zone Program and LGBTQIA Support: Background Information, Brochures and Flyers, 1990s-2020s
 - a. IUP Safe Zone; Combating Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation; LGBTQIA Support; and Support the GLBT Community at IUP
2. Awards and Certificates
3. Books Donated to the IUP Libraries by the Safe Zone Program, 1990s-2000s
4. Related Correspondence
5. Public Relations (Newspaper Articles and Press Releases): LGBTQIA Activities, no dates
6. Public Relations: LGBTQIA Activities, 1990s
7. Public Relations: LGBTQIA Activities, 2000s
8. Public Relations: LGBTQIA Activities, 2010s
9. Public Relations: Safe Zone, no dates
10. Public Relations: Safe Zone, 1990s
11. Public Relations: Safe Zone, 2000s
12. Public Relations: Safe Zone, 2010s
13. Task Force on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues, 1993-1995
 - a. Final Report, submitted to Dr. Lawrence Pettit, IUP President; and Helen Soltis, Interim Director, Human Resources, June 1995
 - b. Committee Reports and Supporting Documents
 - c. 1993 Survey sent to Students and IUP Employees: Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues
14. Task Force on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues, 1995-1996
 - a. Final Report, submitted June 1995 by Rita G. Drapkin, Chairpeson, Counseling and Student Development Center, printed October 1996
 - b. Final Report Summary, 1995-1996
15. Safe Zone Program: Training, 1995 (1)
16. Safe Zone Program: Training, 1995 (2)
17. Study on Campus Climate for GLBT Students and Employees, prepared by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Commission, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), 2007
18. Safe Zone Program: Website ([Safe Zone Program - IUP](#)), 2022-2023