

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



don't grow up invisible

Youth Pride Inc.



“YPI has given me so much...My college resume is all YPI. I’m involved in ten clubs, on the Board of Directors, on panels speaking, and volunteering.”

- NOEL, YPI YOUTH MEMBER

WHAT WE DO

Every day at Youth Pride, Inc., transformative work takes place. Youth from diverse backgrounds are engaged in a wide range of activities, from participating in meaningful, personal discussions to sometimes just eating dinner together as a family. No matter what is happening, the space is always vibrant and full of energy.

SPREAD THE WORD

At the same time, there are young people we are not reaching – youth who need our services or just a safe place to “hang”. The staff, volunteers, and youth of YPI continue to spread the word - the visibility of our new office on Westminster Street is a huge help – while delivering programs that provide safe opportunities for youth to discover themselves in a supportive, nurturing, empowering environment.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Young people come to YPI for a variety of reasons and, when they do, they quickly become involved in the many programs that the organization has to offer.

- Drop-In Center including one-on-one counseling and group support
- Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) Network Coordination
- Participation in Gay Pride and other LGBT community events
- OUTspoken Leadership Development Program
- Advocacy and activism on issues impacting LGBT and the larger community
- HIV Prevention Program

SUCCESS STORIES

In the last year, YPI staff and volunteers:

- Served over 750 LGBTQ youth and their straight allies through our drop-in center
- Hosted more than 350 workshops and activities on LGBTQ issues
- Distributed 42,322 pounds of food through our food pantry to over 1,600 people
- Collaborated with Gay/Straight Alliances in 35 local schools

MAKING IT HAPPEN

YPI would not exist without the generous contributions of donors - individuals, corporations, and government agencies – as well as community partners who help facilitate the delivery of programs.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed list to see who has made an impact over the past year.





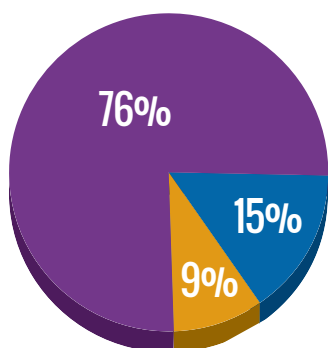
BY THE NUMBERS

2,300 teachers, clinicians, students, and other youth providers participated in our professional development trainings.

750 number of LGBTQ youth and their straight allies served through our drop-in center

500+ number of youths who joined us at Rhode Island Pridefest to march in the parade

YPI EXPENSES 2013



- ▶ **On-site services**
\$241,891.10

- ▶ **Community services**
\$48,938.30

- ▶ **Administrative & fundraising**
\$26,731.60

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Gay/Straight Alliance Annual Conference

More than 40 youth and advisors from 13 schools attended the annual Gay/Straight Alliance Conference participating in a series of workshops – many led by youth – to help strengthen the network of GSAs throughout the state.

OUTspoken Training

This multi-week training program, conducted by YPI staff and guest speakers, prepared 28 youth with lessons on personal growth, cultural awareness, leadership development, community investment, and advocacy. Graduates from our OUTspoken program have moved on to serve as YPI board members, youth programming council members, workshop presenters in our drop-in center, at conferences, etc.

Rhode Island Pridefest

300 youth participated in a safe/sober dance – one of the few Pridefest events arranged specifically and exclusively for young people. In addition, YPI youth, staff, and volunteers also marched in the Pridefest Parade.



We're a family that grows every day, and we're here to support you... There are many things I never thought I could do and I did it because of YPI."

- MICHU, YPI YOUTH MEMBER

YPI's mission is to meet the unique and ongoing needs of youth and young adults impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/expression through advocacy, support and empowerment to bring about social change.

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Executive Director
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GSA and Programming Coordinator
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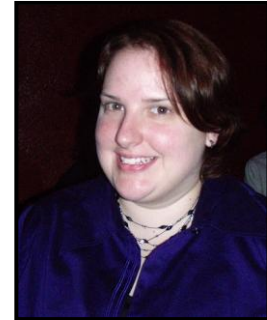
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It is with great pride that I share with you Youth Pride Inc.'s first annual report.

Thanks to a capacity building grant from the Rhode Island Foundation, our organization participated in professional development and internal change focused on financial management, board development, donor relations, and other components that has made us a stronger non-profit. We hope that this annual report is just one step towards more communication with our donors.



In 2013, we served over 750 LGBTQ youth and their straight allies in our drop-in center. On site, youth were able to access support groups, one-on-one counseling, and a variety of social, educational, and recreational programming. Our OUTSpoken program was revised to better train youth as future leaders in our space and community.

Statewide, we provided dozens of trainings to educators, service providers, parents/guardians, and youth about how to provide safe and supportive environments for LGBTQ youth. We also helped launch a new committee of stakeholders who are writing policy to better address the needs of youth in the child welfare system.

On behalf of myself, our Board of Directors, staff members, and most importantly the youth we serve, we thank you for your extraordinary support.

Sincerely,

Kerri Kanelos
Executive Director



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