

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



FACTSHEET

The Center provides quality services to LGBTQ youth. Along with a very popular Mentoring Youth Through Empowerment (MYTE) after-school program, The Center offers a variety of unique services that reflect the needs of our youth communities.

MYTE is committed to improving the quality of life of LGBTQ youth through people, programs, and partnerships. This is accomplished by providing a safe, affirmative environment for peer interaction and by enlisting informed, productive, and positive volunteer mentors. MYTE provides workshops, one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, and social activities. The group is open to LGBTQ youth and straight allies between the ages of 13-18. Membership is free. MYTE's signature event is the annual Monster Ball, a free dance for high school age youth that welcomes over 500 guests from more than 50 high schools.

Additionally, Youth Services hosts a monthly group called Transparent Families for transgender and gender creative children 12 and under as well as their parents or caregivers. This space provides support for children to be themselves and provides an opportunity to connect with other parents and caregivers of transgender and gender creative children.



Other services include weekly programming and case management from young adults 18-29 (20 Somethings), a weekly group for youth 9-12 (Generation Q), and monthly group for LGBTQ parents (Queer Parenting). Staff also facilitate a weekly online chat group for teens with the Q Chat Space project. Additional children and family programming is hosted semi-regularly.

Youth and Family Services also maintains a robust training program for schools and youth-serving agencies, and regularly conducts on-site programming for youth at middle and high schools.

