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JASMYN Mission- since 1994

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JASMYN Vision

LGBTQ young people are affirmed in their identities, confident in their futures, and are a valued asset in the Northeast Florida community.



JASMYN

"JASMYN shaped me to go into
the world" -Jazz, JASMYN alum



COMMUNITY NEED



HEALTH
SERVICES

Jacksonville is **#2**
nationally for rate of new HIV
infections among African
American males aged 13+



STUDENT
OPPORTUNITY

33% of LGB youth
in Duval County
Public Schools have
been bullied



HOUSING
SUPPORTS

60% of homeless youth
identify
as LGBTQ in
Northeast Florida



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

75% of LGBTQ
people report everyday
discrimination in
Jacksonville

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES THROUGH 2022



Visit JASMYN.ORG to learn
more about how we address
challenges faced by
LGBTQ youth

2020 JASMYN SERVICES

7818 Program and Service Contacts

•Throughout COVID, staff delivered medications
and food to high risk youth

767 Clinic Contacts

•The lockdown kept youth from testing for 6 weeks
before our Clinic was able to re-open

517 HIV Tests conducted

56 Youth served through HIV
linkage to care

100% Linkage to care rate for positive results
in our Clinic

•Free daily HIV testing is a public health measure
and one way JASMYN helps fight the spread in Jax

During COVID, JASMYN:

- was open continuously with essential services for youth experiencing homelessness
- re-opened Clinical Services by May
- launched a mental health counseling program
- expanded virtual youth group programming

SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES

- ✓ EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS
- ✓ SKILLED VOLUNTEERS
- ✓ PERSISTENT FINANCIAL HEALTH

Enrich Student Opportunities

- Drop-In Center for youth 13-18: Queer Space
- Q-Chat – online support groups
- David Bohnett Cyber Center
- LGBTQ Plus teen and parent group
- Mental Health support groups and therapy
- Monthly youth development programming (Art series, QTPOC)
- JASMYN Youth Prom, Formation House Ball
- High School Student Support - GSA Retreat, School visits
- Teacher and School Personnel Training / Consultation
- National Stonewall History Museum Educational Exhibits



Watson House – J1



Youth Bill Of Rights

- To be safe
- To be respected
- To be heard
- To be empowered and to speak your mind in the face of injustice
- To be accepted for who you are
- To have freedom of expression
- To be free from exploitation
- To be free from any offensive, oppressive, or degrading language, actions and images
- To be free from verbal and physical harassment of any kind
- To be in a sex positive space
- To be free of sexual harassment of any kind
- To be free from violence of any kind
- To be free from judgment
- To be free to discuss differences
- To have adults advocate for you
- To ask questions

I choose to accept these rights and understand that I share the responsibility in protecting these rights for all youth



JASMYN YOUTH ALWAYS RISE UP

RESPECT Yourself, Other People,
Pronouns & Identities, The Space

INCLUSION YOU are welcome here,
help others feel welcome too

SAFETY No Violence/Weapons, No Drugs
or Alcohol, No (over the top) PDA

EMPOWERMENT Be Open,
Be Challenged,
Be Willing to Grow

All youth, staff, volunteers, guests and community members agree to "RISE Up" when they are on JASMYN campus. Any person(s) who violate the "RISE Up" values will be asked to leave the campus and return when ready to RISE!



Shoot for
the moon.
Even if you
miss, you'll land
among the stars.



DREAM
SPARKLE
SHINE

QUEERSPACE





Enhance Health Services

- Sexual Health Clinic – STI Testing and Treatment
- HIV education and outreach and prevention
- HIV testing, counseling, and linkage to medical care
- PrEP & nPEP linkage and coordination
- Care coordination for HIV + Youth to retain in care
- Mental Health Supports for HIV + youth
- DOH Mobile Health Van for HIV / STI Testing and Treatment
- Condoms and lube distribution









Expand Housing Supports

- JASMYN Connex at J3 – ACCESS, outreach, front door, connectivity
- Gateway Services: showers, laundry, hot meals, food pantry
- Continual COVID-19 Emergency Response & Food Pantry
- Coordinated Intake & linkage to housing services, employment/education
- On-site community services – Baptist Health, St. Vincent's
- Homelessness Prevention and Diversion /Financial Assistance
- Rapid Rehousing Program – case management & financial assistance
- HOPWA Program for young people with HIV



Housing Program – 12 months

- JASMYN Connex at J3 – 174 youth experiencing homelessness were served; average age 21, range ages 16 - 24
- 65% African American; 25% white / 46% male, 31% transgender / gender diverse. Over half LGBTQ youth
- Case Management Services provided to 72 young people: 47 obtained safe and stable housing, including 18 in new housing through Rapid ReHousing Program services
- City funded programs expanded access, homeless case management and HOPWA funding for HIV+ young people













Engage Partnerships, Families and Community for Change



- Family Support Services, Groups and Educational Forums
- Cultural competency trainings: LGBT 101, Trans 101
- Corporate Employee Resource Groups as Community Partners
- Engaging with Equity Partners – Youth Crisis Center, Gateway Community Services, Wolfson's Children Center for Behavioral Health
- Leadership role in 100 Day Youth Challenge in 2020
- Community events
 - River City Pride, Black Pride, MLK Parade
 - Coming Out Day Breakfast, Strides for Pride 5K



Community Engagement



Sustainability Priorities

- Moving toward the next 25 years
- Develop Skilled Volunteers and Equity Partnerships
- Increase foundations of Financial Health
 - Strategic Operating Reserves and Unrestricted Funding
 - Completion of Campus Construction – Safe Place





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