KALEIDOSCOPE YOUTH CENTER

2024 IMPACT REPORT

SAFER AND MORE AFFIRMING LGBTQIA+ SPACES

AGES 12 - 24

2,968

Visits to our Drop-in Center

MISSION

TO SERVE AND SUPPORT LGBTQIA+ YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

BELONGING BEGINS HERE

IN 2024...

We celebrated 30 YEARS of building safer and more affirming spaces for LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults in Ohio.

We built our **families program**, to support youth under 12 and their guardians/caregivers.

We began our **expansion into rural communities**, focusing on NW Ohio, and building relationships in **Findlay, OH**.

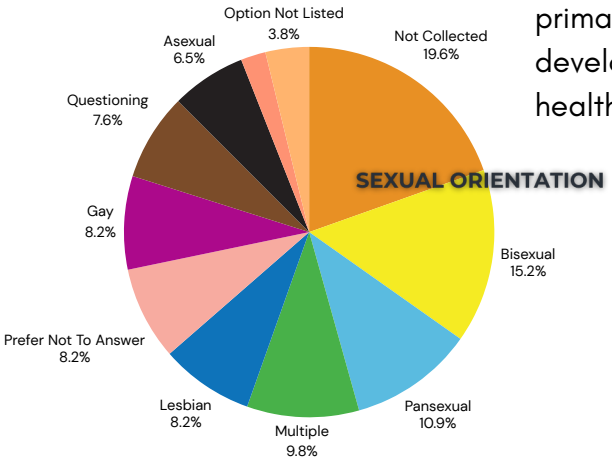
Look for more on this in 2025!

KYC Youth, Jaylah (she/her), gives the keynote at the 30th Anniversary Gala.

"KYC gave me the opportunity to envision a better future, envision a world where I could be seen, and [was] able to give me my voice back..."

- KYC YOUTH

YOUTH SERVED IN 2024



Our **Drop-in Center** is open Tuesday - Friday beginning at 3:30pm, for youth ages 12 - 20. Our programming primarily focuses on social activities, leadership development, life-skills, mutual support, as well as, health and wellness education.

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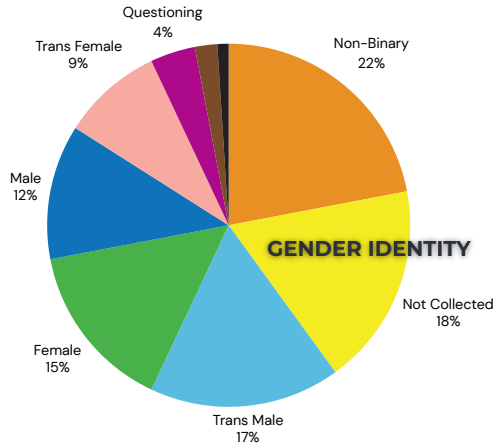
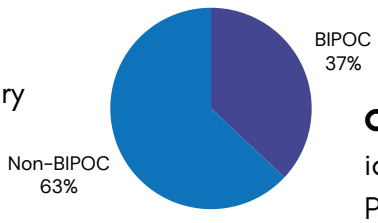
Average Age of Youth Served



Our most popular groups include **GENDERSCOPE**, for transgender and nonbinary young people, and **QPOC** for queer and trans youth of color.



Over a third of youth served identified as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color.

As a member of the National Association of GSA Networks, **KYC is the state hub for the Ohio GSA Network**. We provide technical and resource support to GSA's throughout the state, **empowering and training youth leaders** and advocates in communities that lack support.

We also facilitate community education opportunities with professionals across Ohio – **98 sessions in 2024.**

Additionally, KYC **amplifies voices of LGBTQIA+ youth by speaking out against legislation that would directly impact their lives**, as well as empowers youth and community members with the tools they need to advocate in their communities.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2024 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SPONSORS!

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MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Our Community Based Wellness and Behavioral Health departments **provide LGBTQIA+ young people with trauma-informed, culturally responsive mental health support,** along with identifying the health conditions and environmental factors in a young person's life that are associated with barriers to wellness. All services are **FREE** of charge to youth.

376
Individual Therapeutic Sessions provided

27
Group Therapeutic Sessions provided

KYC also offers **housing opportunities and wraparound services** centering the needs and experience of homeless and housing insecure and vulnerable LGBTQIA+ young people ages 18 - 24.

FUNDING SUMMARY

*ROUGH ESTIMATE PENDING FINALIZED 990.

$737,764.56
CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT

$56,604.25
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