KALEIDOSCOPE YOUTH CENTER

2025 IMPACT REPORT

SAFER AND MORE AFFIRMING LGBTQIA+ SPACES

AGES 12 - 24

3,539

Visits to our Drop-in Center

MISSION

TO SERVE & SUPPORT LGBTQIA+ YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

BELONGING BEGINS HERE

IN 2025...

We celebrated 31 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.

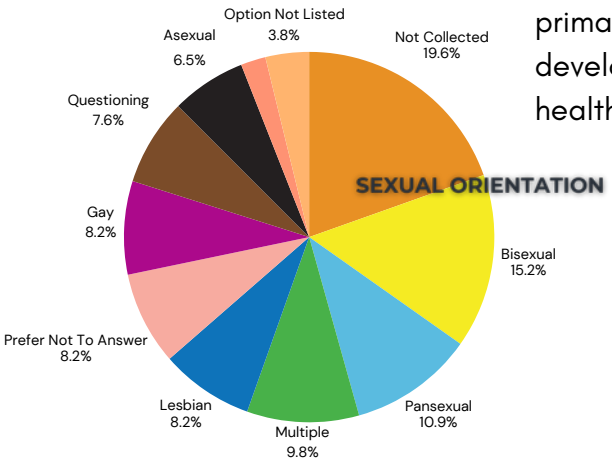
We have officially ***expanded into rural communities***, focusing on NW Ohio, and building relationships in ***Findlay, OH***.

Look for more on this in 2026!

Amanda Erickson (She/Her), Interim Executive Driector at our Annual Unity Soiree

"I absolutely love it here, and I wish I could've started coming when I was younger. I never had community up until this point, and I know for a fact that KYC is a big factor into why I'm as proud of my identity as I am." - KYC YOUTH

YOUTH SERVED IN 2025



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

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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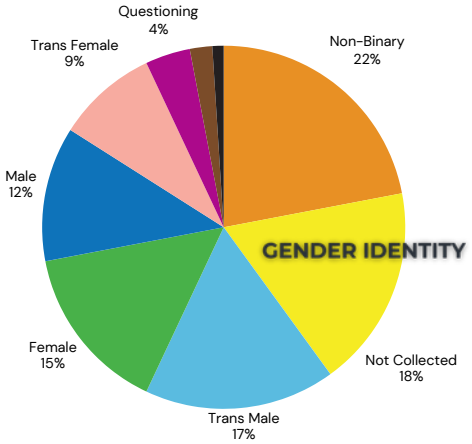
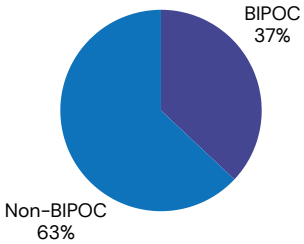
Average Age of Youth Served





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 - ***128 sessions in 2025.***

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 2025 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SPONSORS!

2025 Unity Circle Members ($50+ a month)

Dan Gorbett
Joshua Winter
Scott Monnin
Jennifer Haywood
Elizabeth Bonachaea
Rick Neal
Brandi Allen
Kelli & Jeff Decker
Maurice Stevens
Chris Xu
Joe Mayer
Jessica Grosso
Lee Tepper
Kent Huffman
Madison Lawton
and more!

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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 our participants.

600
Individual Therapeutic Sessions provided

21
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.

$850,403.98
CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT

$166,355.25
GRANTS (CORPORATE)

$376,774.59
GRANTS (GOVERNMENT FUNDING)

$65,821.57
EARNED INCOME

$639,972.14
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