



PRIDELINES YOUTH SERVICES

Luigi Ferrer, Executive Director

Pridelines History

- ▼ Founded by gay youth for LGBTQ youth
- ▼ 3 young gay men approach Dr Marilyn Volker
- ▼ 1982 begin meeting at MDCC, Wolfson Campus
- ▼ 1996 Dale Ayres, meetings at Miami Light project, incorporation
- ▼ 1999 name change, move to current location
- ▼ Denise Hueso, Carmen Garcia, Harry Cogdon, Vivian Marthell
- ▼ Over 27 years innovative LGBTQ youth programming safe space, social support, skills building & referrals

Services at Pridelines

- ▼ Drop-in Youth Center - Tuesday through Friday 4-6PM
 - ▽ Computer Lab
 - ▽ Care Coordination
 - ▽ Safe space to hang out, do home work, get help
- ▼ Psychosocial groups - 6-8PM
 - ▽ South Florida LGBTQ Youth Chorale
 - ▽ Exploring - medical/health education, business/entrepreneurship, legal/LGBT rights & advocacy, natural sciences/environment

Services at Pridelines

- ▼ Psychosocial groups (continued) -
 - ▽ Rainbow Circle - peer-led LGBTQ support
 - ▽ Becoming Women - Into the Arts
 - ▽ Social Fridays
- ▼ Weekends -
 - ▽ Between Here & Somewhere Else - *Trans Movie Nite*
 - ▽ Youth Enrichment Events - ages 13-18
 - ▽ Lavender Salon
- ▼ Referrals to LGBT-competent health, mental health & social services providers

Services at Pridelines

- ▼ Over 3,400 attendance, >600 unduplicated in 2008
- ▼ 350-400 monthly, 45-75 unduplicated monthly
- ▼ 8 interventions to prevent suicide
- ▼ 8 homeless LGBTQ youth placed -
 - ▽ November/December peak
 - ▽ Controversy over sexual orientation or gender ID/expression, economic pressures ?
 - ▽ More than half over age 18, very hard to place
 - ▽ All African American or Caribbean blacks

Responding to homelessness among LGBTQ Youth

- ▼ Counsel LGBTQ youth about coming-out
- ▼ Work with Alliance partners and others to develop protocol to respond to homelessness
 - ▽ family reconciliation - Jacqui Sosa
- ▼ Identify community resource
- ▼ Screen and secure training for couples/individuals willing to take-in homeless LGBTQ youth
- ▼ Document outcomes

Community resource

- ▼ Pridelines Youth Services
- ▼ Alliance For GLBTQ Youth
- ▼ PFLAG Kendall - 2nd Saturday 12:00 noon
UU Congregation Miami
7701 SW 76th Ave, Miami, FL 33143
- ▼ PFLAG Homestead - 4th Saturday 11:00 AM,
St John's Church, 145 NE 10th St, Homestead, FL 33030
- ▼ Lavender Salon - 3rd Saturday 6:30 PM
UU Congregation Miami

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