

### Youth Development & Community Engagement



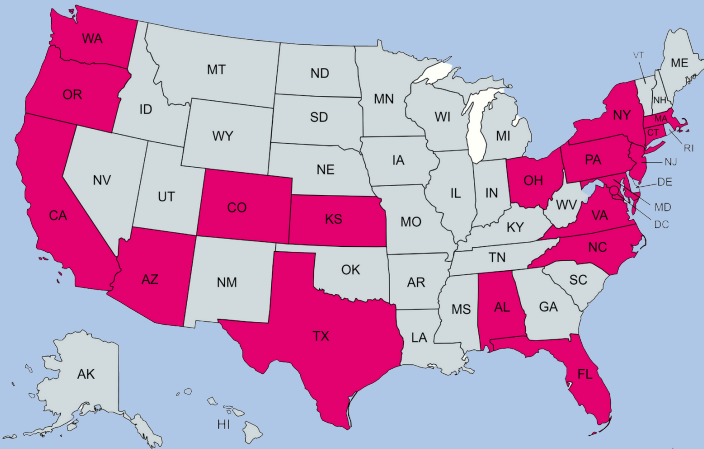
## THIS QUARTER, SMYAL EXPANDED PROGRAMMING FOR LGBTQ YOUTH AGES 6-12

SMYAL believes that LGBTQ youth deserve to feel safe, loved, and supported, regardless of their age or what state they live in. As the needs of youth change, our services must evolve to meet the moment. That's why SMYAL is expanding our Little SMYALS program nationally to reach even more young people and their families in the face of rising anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and legislation.

**Little SMYALS is one of the only programs in the country specifically designed for LGBTQ youth ages 6-12**

### Expand How?

1. Increase Frequency of Virtual Program Offerings
2. Intentional National Outreach and Partnerships
3. Establish More Robust Parent and Caregiver Support Network



**90 LGBTQ youth** are registered for Little SMYALS from states across the country

**15 Little SMYALS families** marched with SMYAL in the Capital Pride Parade

**"When I'm feeling bad and my dad tells me that I'm going to Little SMYALS, I start to learn and I start to feel perfect!"**



# Youth Housing

Since SMYAL's Rapid Re-Housing Program opened in March, **7 youth** have signed leases on their own apartments.

Rapid Re-Housing connects LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness with an apartment of their own, providing security and independence to residents. **One resident secured a full-time salaried position with a local non-profit within the first two months of moving into her apartment.**

Youth Housing graduate, Tessa, impressed an audience of hundreds at a Pride Panel hosted by HUD



**This quarter, 9 residents** completed **LGBTQ-centered financial literacy training**

# Clinical Services

Currently, **40 LGBTQ youth clients** receive affirming mental health counseling from SMYAL

Having improved and stabilized their mental health through attending SMYAL counseling, **5 clients** have achieved their therapy goals and graduated from the program this quarter.

**"I've really benefited from therapy with SMYAL. I was in a terrible place before starting, and I can't imagine that I would've been able to be my own person like I can now without the work that my therapist and I have put in."**

All clinical services at SMYAL are **100% cost-free** to clients



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